

Miami Baptists Weigh Proposal Of Hospital

North Rocky Mt. Case Develops

RALEIGH, N. C. (RNS) — A recently-formed Committee for Baptist Church autonomy was granted a charter as a non-profit corporation by the North Carolina Secretary of State here.

The group's stated purposes include "full restoration of the autonomy of local Baptist churches, opposition to improper and unwarranted ecclesiastical authority, protection of Baptist integrity in all areas of denominational life," and establishment of "a free and impartial Baptist press."

The committee was formed by a group of Baptist clergymen and laymen who took issue with a 1954 state Supreme Court ruling which awarded the property to a minority of the congregation in a local church dispute at Rocky Mount, N. C. They also criticized the testimony given by several denominational leaders during the trial.

The Supreme Court held that the minority of the North Rocky Mount (N. C.) Baptist congregation who voted against withdrawal from the state and South-wide Baptist Conventions, was the "true" congregation of the church.

The Rev. C. K. Rand of High Point, one of the incorporators, said the committee—which has been operating from offices in Winston-Salem—will set up headquarters at High Point.

A meeting will be held there shortly to name a board of directors and "shape up the policy of the organization," he said.

Other incorporators of the new organization are Dr. James M. Bulman of East Spencer, N. C., chairman of the committee, and the Rev. Woodrow W. Robbins of High Point.

Coop Receipts Show Increase

Mississippi Baptist Cooperative Program receipts for the first half of this Convention year, November through April, totaled \$801,701.31, an increase of \$103,740.28 over the \$697,961.03 given, the same period a year ago, or 14.86%.

While pointing to the encouraging gain Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer, who released the figures, also called attention to the summer months ahead and to the \$1,675,000 goal for this year.

"Every association is urged to become 100% in Cooperative Program giving before the year is out," he declared.

A list of those already 100% will be published soon.

Receipts for April, Round-Up Month, totaled \$145,362.80, as compared to \$136,429.93 a year ago.

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Preachers Hold Open Theological Debate

COLUMBUS, Ga. (RNS) — Ministers of two evangelical churches here revived the ancient Christian practice of open debates on theological issues.

Using a wrestling arena in the downtown business section, clergymen of the Apostolic Pentecostal Churches of the Lord Jesus Christ and of the Church of Christ debated for two days whether the Godhead represents one person or three distinct Persons—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

More than 400 persons attended the first session and many more from churches of this area turned out for the second.

NEWS

From Here And
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(By Religious News Service)

MIAMI—(BP)—Any request that the Southern Baptist Hospital Board be authorized to establish and operate a hospital in the Miami vicinity should be presented to the Southern Baptist Convention by the Miami Baptist Association.

This is the declaration of Frank Tripp, New Orleans, executive secretary of the Hospital Board.

It followed an offer by a Florida land developer and multi-millionaire chairman of the Aluminum Corp. of America, Arthur Vining Davis, regarding a Baptist hospital near Miami.

Davis offered the Hospital Board \$500,000 and property he said was worth \$250,000 in Kendall, a community 10 miles south of Miami. It was offered on condition that Baptists build and operate a 200-bed general hospital which would cost about \$3 million.

Tripp reported that he had made two visits to Miami, on request of Davis, "to discuss with him the possibility of his making a substantial contribution toward the building of a hospital to meet the critical shortage of hospital facilities in the Miami area."

He also has been contacted about the offer by C. Roy Angell, pastor of Miami's large Central Baptist Church.

According to Tripp, Miami Baptist Association, which represents Southern Baptist churches in the area, secured

Proposed Change In Definition Of Church Opposed

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — Spokesmen for Protestant and Roman Catholic groups testified here that a proposed change in the definition of the word "church" in Internal Revenue Service regulations would discriminate among religious groups.

Commissioner Russell Chase Harrington has issued a proposed amendment to Internal Revenue regulations that would include religious orders within the definition of "church." However, the orders embraced by the definition would be restricted to those which "include the ministrations of sacerdotal functions and the conduct of public worship." The amendment is being suggested for purposes of administering laws on tax exemption.

Objections were voiced at the public hearings by the legal department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, the Brothers of the Christian Schools, Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, and the American Unitarian Association.

Testifying for the NCWC,

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—Plans for construction of a \$2,500,000 Methodist theological seminary and a \$1,000,000 School of International Service at American University here were unveiled by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of Washington.

CLEVELAND, O.—Rural population trends in America are bringing about a return of "the circuit rider," Dr. David Moberg of Bethel Baptist College, St. Paul, Minn., told the 14th annual convention here of the National Association of Evangelicals.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—America's leading religion reporters appear to have doubts about the depth of the so-called spiritual revival. Only five of 30 reporters interviewed at the annual convention of the Religious Newswriters' Association here thought the U. S. was experiencing "a genuine spiritual reawakening."

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The House approved and sent to the Senate a resolution to make "In God We Trust" the official motto of the United States.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—An open Bible lies on a table in the anteroom of Mayor Woodrow Mann's office in City Hall. It was placed there for the convenience and comfort of infuriated people who want to see the mayor.

TRENTON, N. J.—New Jersey Seventh-day Adventists contributed \$275.14 per capita to the Church last year, the highest amount of any state or province organization in the denomination.

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—A verse drama based on Roger Williams' search for religious freedom was given its premiere performance in historic Central Congregational church here.

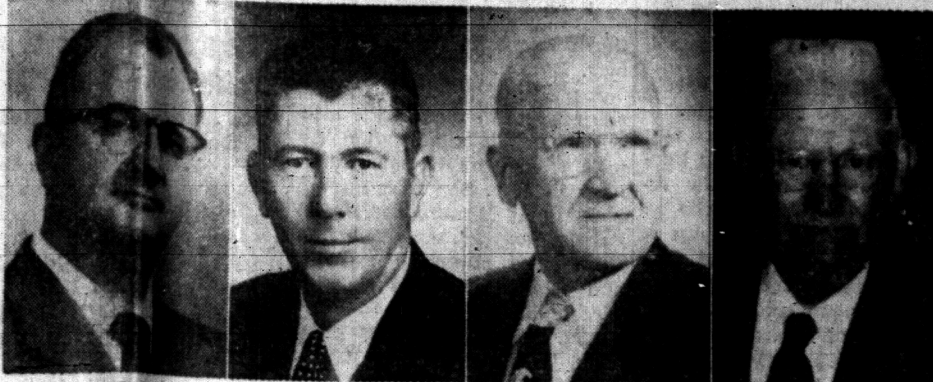
We Call Your Attention

We call your special attention to this week's editorial page. Beginning this week the page will be devoted entirely to editorials, selected guest editorials and other related features. — Acting Editor and Editorial Assistant.

Oh, Come, Come, Come To The Church In —

LAWRENCEBURG, Ky. — (BP) — First Baptist Church of Lawrenceburg might qualify as the church in the wilderness. Its Sunday school superintendent is J. B. Sparrow and its Baptist Training Union director is Truman Birdwhistell.

Ebenezer Church, Mississippi Association Mark 150th Year



Personalities to appear on the Sesquicentennial program are, from left: Dr. Quarles, Governor Coleman, Rev. J. L. Boyd and Rev. H. J. McCool.

Georgia Church Has Unique Plan To Raise Funds

COLUMBUS, Ga. (RNS) — Church people here presented an hour-long telethon on Sunday, April 29 to raise funds to rebuild Second Baptist church, destroyed by fire last Feb. 29.

The program, which began shortly after morning church services, was carried over two television and four radio stations in this area.

More than 350 men and women, using a battery of 21 telephones, called every number in the phone directory here and in nearby Phenix City, Ala., asking people to tune in on the program.

On the program were public officials of both states, ten local clergymen and five church choirs, with a total of 150 voices. Dr. Searge Garrison of Atlanta, executive secretary of the Georgia Baptist Convention, was the featured speaker.

Persons who made telephone pledges were contacted immediately by other churchmen driving in a fleet of radio-telephone equipped cars, dispatched through the telephone control center.

J. Melvin Hargett, president of the Georgia Baptist Sunday School Convention, directed the effort.

Sponsors of the telethon hoped to raise at least \$25,000 for the church rebuilding fund.

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R. T. Skinner Weds Mrs. Irene Duffer

LOUISVILLE — (BP) — R. T. Skinner, editor of the Western Recorder, Kentucky Baptist weekly, and Mrs. Irene Duffer were married recently at Walnut St. Baptist Church here. Dr. W. R. Pettigrew, pastor of the church, officiated.

The bride is a native of Gibson, Tenn., but was reared in Tampa, Fla., where she maintains a home. For the past 10 years, she has resided part of the time in Hopkinsville, Ky., and was a member of First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville.

She is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hale, Tampa. The Hales were members of Palm Ave. Baptist Church, Tampa, where Editor Skinner's father, the late J. E. Skinner, was pastor.

"The Preeminent Christ" Is Theme Of Second Annual BSU Retreat At Alcorn

"The Preeminent Christ" was the theme of the second annual BSU Retreat held at Alcorn College April 20-21.

Sponsored by the Negro Work Department of the State Convention Board, Dr. W. A. Keel, secretary, the Retreat registered an attendance of about 40.

Attending were BSU council members, directors and advisors from Alcorn College, Jackson College, Mississippi Vocational College and the newly admitted Natchez College.

Plans were effected for the first State BSU Convention to be held in Jackson October 19-20.

A feature phase of the Retreat was the Vesper service Friday night, conducted by Charles W. Horner, State BSU Secretary.

Special messages were brought by Rev. Wm. D. King, Port Gibson; Dean S. L. Whit-

ney, Central Center, Jackson; and Rev. Otis Jones, Bude.

The following officers were elected to the State Executive Council: President, Vera A. Hendrick, Alcorn College; first vice president, Kenley Nelson, Natchez College; 2nd vice president, Edison Wells, Alcorn College; secretary-treasurer, Ruth Brown, Natchez College; pianist, Shirley Stennis, Jackson College; faculty advisor, John A. James, Mississippi Vocational College; pastor-advisor, Rev. Eddie Barnes, Laurel.

S. E. Grinstead, National B.S.U. Secretary, said that Mississippi had the largest delegation in attendance at the recent Spring Retreat in Nashville and that Vera Hendrick was elected vice president of the National B.S.U. He also stated that Mississippi had three B.S.U. secretaries of the nine selected in his work.

Gideon Society's Plan Is Opposed

DENVER (RNS) — A Colorado state legislator, acting as spokesman for the American Civil Liberties Union, has attacked the Gideon Society's campaign to distribute Bibles to public school children.

Rep. Robert E. Allen of Denver, chairman of the ACLU committee on freedom of speech, press and religion, asked H. Grant Vest, state commissioner of education, to get an opinion from the attorney general "as to the legality and constitutionality of this procedure."

"We further urge you to advise all Colorado public school boards as to that legal opinion," Mr. Allen wrote.

He said the ACLU is interested only in the civil liberties aspect and "will defend the right of the Gideons to distribute Bibles door to door or any other method not utilizing public facilities."

Dr. Willis Standsbury, president of the Colorado-Utah branch of the Gideons, said his organization had been distributing Bibles to public school students in the state. He said

Dean Sargent To Receive Doctorate

NASHVILLE — (BP) — Several Southern Baptist colleges and universities have announced persons on whom they will confer honorary degrees at spring commencement exercises.

The colleges, persons receiving degrees, and degrees to be conferred include:

Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee — Wilmer E. Grinstead, assistant executive secretary, Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, doctor of divinity degree.

William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo. — Earl Harding, executive secretary, Missouri Baptist General Association, LL.D. degree.

Union University, Jackson, Tenn. — Samuel S. Sargent, dean, Northeast Mississippi Junior College, Booneville, doctor of laws.

Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex. — E. S. James, Dallas, editor, Baptist Standard and J. M. Crowe, administrative assistant to executive secretary, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., doctor of divinity degrees.

Joint All-Day Service Sunday At Ebenezer

Mississippi Baptist history will be revived Sunday afternoon, May 6, when the joint sesquicentennial celebration of Mississippi Association and Ebenezer Church will be held at the church in an all-day program.

The association, now composed of Amite and Wilkinson counties, the state's oldest was constituted on "Friday before the first Sabbath in August of 1806," at Old Cole's Creek (Salem) Baptist Church (now extinct).

Ebenezer Church, located six miles south of Liberty, was organized May 9, 1806 and has had a continuous existence ever since.

Program personalities Sunday will include Governor J. P. Coleman; Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Jackson, state Baptist executive secretary-treasurer; Rev. J. L. Boyd, Clinton, state Baptist historian; and Rev. H. J. McCool, pastor at Ebenezer since 1941.

The service Sunday will begin at 10 o'clock with the pastor presiding. A history of the church will be read by Mrs. Thelma Cox. Rev. S. G. Pope, McCool, will read scripture.

Mr. Boyd, will speak on "Ebenezer and Mississippi Baptist Beginnings." The message of the morning will be delivered by Dr. Quarles. Dinner on the ground will be the order of the day.

The afternoon program, to begin at 1:45, will be given over to the observance of the association with Britt Huey serving as moderator. John H. Parker of Liberty will give a history of the association followed by an address by Gov. J. P. Coleman. Rev. E. L. Howell, Liberty, will read scripture.

A highlight of the day will be the adjournment of the congregation to the grave of Rev. Richard Curtis, Jr., the pastor of the first Baptist church organized on Mississippi soil, where the grave will be decorated.

Those who have relatives buried in the local cemetery have been asked to decorate the graves before Sunday.

Letters of congratulations have been dispatched from Dr. Norman W. Cox, Nashville, Tenn., executive secretary Southern Baptist Historical Commission, and Rev. C. B. Hamlet, III, Winona, Miss.

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Clergy Airplane Fares Reduction Appears Unlikely

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — Congressional approval of legislation authorizing reduced plane fares for clergymen and missionaries appeared unlikely as both the Civil Aeronautics Board and the airlines opposed such a move.

S. G. Tipton, president of the Air Transport Association of America, declared that granting reduced fares to the clergy would lead to demands from other groups for a similar privilege.

Chairman Joseph A. Adams of the CAB said that "to grant special exemption to ministers would be a serious departure from the sound policy of the existing act."

Under the Civil Aeronautics Act of 1938, airlines are prohibited from granting reduced fares to any passengers except rescue workers enroute to the scene of a public disaster.

Both officials filed statements with the House Interstate Commerce subcommittee on air transportation.



Rev. Dewey Merritt



Mrs. Dewey Merritt



Lelele Dotson



Mrs. Charles L. Martin Jr.

Four young people of Mississippi background were among the 19 appointed missionaries by the Foreign Mission Board at its semiannual full meeting in April.

They are Rev. and Mrs. Dewey E. Merritt, of New Orleans, who serve Bluff Springs Church, Magnolia; Miss Lelele Dotson, also of New Orleans, formerly of Blue Mountain; and Mrs. Charles L. Martin, Jr., of Oxford, Ala., the former Anne Crittendon, who spent much of her early life in Mississippi.

Mr. and Mrs. Merritt and Miss Dotson will serve in Nigeria and Mr. and Mrs. Martin in Japan.

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Four With Mississippi Background Among 19 Appointed By Foreign Mission Board

Odle, Cornett Speak at MC Commencement



Dr. Joe T. Odle

On June 3 and 4, Dr. R. Orin Cornett and Dr. Joe T. Odle will be the featured speakers for the commencement and baccalaureate addresses to be heard by the graduates of the Class of '56 at Mississippi College.

Dr. Odle will give the baccalaureate sermon Sunday morning at 11:00, and Dr. Cornett will deliver the parting message to the largest graduating class in the history of Mississippi College Monday, June 4, 5:30 p.m.

Both of the speakers are outstanding denominational leaders. After graduating from Union University, Jackson, Tennessee, Dr. Odle attended Southern Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky. In 1949 he received the Doctor of Divinity Degree from Mississippi College.

Since 1947, when he assumed the pastorate at Gulfport, there have been approximately



Dr. R. Orin Cornett

2900 additions to the church, more than 900 for baptism.

In 1943, Dr. Cornett was graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University, and later received his master's degree in physics from the University of Oklahoma. He received the Ph.D. degree in physics and applied mathematics from the University of Texas.

Dr. Cornett's professional positions have included instructor, associate professor and professor of physics at O. B. U.

From 1945-46, Dr. Cornett was assistant to the President at O. B. U. from 1946-50, he was vice-president, and from 1950-51 he was executive vice-president. In 1951, he gave up this position to become Executive Secretary of the Education Commission of the SBC. He is editor of the Southern Baptist Educator.

Dr. Cornett is listed in Who's Who in America, Who's Who in American Education, and American Men of Science.

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The Rev. Mr. Merritt has pastored the Magnolia church since November, 1954. Prior to that he was pastor of Cowart Church, Charleston, and Eucutta Church, Wayne County, a summer student worker under the Home Mission Board in Kentucky, and a staff member at Camp Ridgecrest for Boys, Ridgecrest, N. C.

A native of Hattiesburg, he was graduated from Mississippi College, Clinton, where he majored in sociology. He expects to receive the bachelor of divinity degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in May.

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Mrs. Merritt, formerly Elizabeth Cooper and a native of Louisville, Ky., attended Blue Mountain College and a branch of the University of California at Santa Barbara. She received the bachelor of arts degree from Mississippi College and the master of religious education degree from New Orleans Seminary.

She is secretary to the librarian at New Orleans Seminary. She has also served as secretary at Van Winkle Church, Jackson, and as secretary to the director of promotion for

the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson.

Mrs. Merritt told the Board that her father was a Baptist preacher. "Missionary influence was very pronounced in our home because both my parents were deeply devoted to the cause of missions," she said. "Through the years we were privileged to have many missionaries as guests in our home."

She is the daughter of the late Rev. Silas B. Cooper and Mrs. Cooper, now of Clinton.

Miss Dotson, in going to Nigeria, will return to the continent where she spent much of her early life. She is a daughter of Rev. Clyde J. Dotson, Southern Baptist missionary stationed in Umtali, Southern Rhodesia, and the late Mrs. Dotson.

A native of Town Creek, Ala., she expects to receive the master of religious education degree from New Orleans Seminary in May. She took nurse's training at Birmingham (Ala.) Baptist Hospital, was graduated from Blue Mountain College, and attended Howard College, Birmingham.

Mrs. Martin, native of Pittsburg, Texas, moved to Mississippi at an early age and lived in Indianola, Brookhaven, and Jackson before moving to Oklahoma in teen-age years. She received the bachelor of arts degree from Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee. She was editor of the college yearbook, vice-president of the student council, and state Baptist Student Union president.

Other young people appointed at the April meeting are: Edward P. Doshier and Mayrene Jackson Doshier, both of Texas, for Nigeria; Ernest W. Glass, North Carolina and Marjorie Magruder Glass, Missouri, for Malaya; Glen R. Martin and Betty Davis Martin, both of Illinois, for Malaya; Dottson L. Mills, Alabama, and Betty Frink Mills, Florida, for Argentina; John W. Patterson, Arizona, and Patricia Wilson Patterson, Missouri, for Columbia; Gene D. Phillips, South Carolina, and Eugenia Jarvis Phillips, North Carolina, for Southern Rhodesia; and John A. Tumbler, Jr., and Alice Puryear Tumbler, both of Virginia, for Brazil.

The April appointments brought the total number of active Southern Baptist foreign missionaries to 1,045.

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Proposed Change - - -

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George Reed, assistant legal counsel, declared that the Roman Catholic Church is "disturbed" over any definition that separates the "definition of church" from religious orders.

"Religious orders have been an integral part of the Roman Catholic Church for many centuries," he stressed.

"This definition results in a legislative determination of what is the Church, something which even Congress has never done."

"We consider this to be very dangerous. By dividing religious organizations from the Church on the basis of sacerdotal functions, it would give some religious communities tax benefits, while others would have to pay full tax."

Paul Blanshard, attorney and author, appearing for Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, said the proposed regulation would unduly favor Roman Catholic religious orders while denying tax exemption benefits to Protestant groups performing identical functions.

Mr. Blanshard said that under the regulation "a Jesuit magazine like America which is subsidized by a religious order could pass itself off as a 'church,' whereas the country's leading Protestant magazine, The Christian Century, could never win special treatment because it is controlled by a semi-independent religious corporation."

A spokesman for the American Unitarian Association of Boston requested that an amendment be adopted that would include church-affiliated publishing houses in the tax exemption, even when not directly owned or controlled by a denomination.

A representative of the National Council of Churches attended the hearing as an "official observer" but did not testify.

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THE BAPTIST RECORD
KEEPS MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST PEOPLE INFORMED.

Baptist Hospital Has Emphasis Week

The Mississippi Baptist Hospital conducted a Week of Religious Emphasis April 16-20. Dr. Luther Joe Thompson, Pastor of Calvary Church in Jackson, led the Week as he brought messages each evening to a large group of student nurses.

Cecil Roper, Minister of Music at Parkway in Jackson, was in charge of the music. Miss Jo Ann Saucier, student nurse, served as pianist.

There were several public rededications among the student nurses and one student made public her decision to go as a medical missionary, according to Chaplain J. B. Parker.

Ridgecrest Revival To Be Held May 6-13

Rev. Nelson Reagan, pastor of the Calvary Church, St. Louis, Missouri, will be the visiting evangelist for the revival to be held at Ridgecrest Church, Jackson, May 6-13.

Services will be held daily at 10 AM and 7:30 PM.

Sam Jones, Sr., local song leader, will lead the congregational singing.

The nursery will be open for each service. Ridgecrest is now worshipping in a newly air-conditioned auditorium.

Rev. Fred Tarpley is the pastor.

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the services of the National Fund Raising Agency to find out how many hospital beds Miami needs and what the chances would be for a successful fund-raising campaign.

No Formal Proposal
"It is my understanding that the results of the survey have encouraged Dr. Angell and his associates to believe that a minimum of \$3 million can be raised under the proper leadership," he continued.

The Hospital Board has not received any formal proposal from the Miami Baptist Association and the Board's annual report to the approaching annual Southern Baptist Convention session will carry no reference to the Miami hospital matter.

The annual report will contain a reference, however, to a proposed large Baptist teaching hospital in Alhambra, Calif., a suburb of Los Angeles.

At its annual meeting in Miami last year, the Southern Baptist Convention voted conditionally to go ahead with the Alhambra project at an estimated cost of \$2 million or more.

However, during the period since the Convention, the Southern Baptist General Convention of California reported that the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce could not provide a site for the hospital and \$250,000 as agreed.

This apparently has killed the Alhambra hospital project for the present.

Tripp's Comment

The Alhambra project would require two affirmative votes of the Convention under its procedure for new hospital projects. The first affirmative vote was recorded in 1955.

Speaking of Davis' proposal in the Miami area, Tripp added:

"Although the matter has not been brought to the attention of the Hospital Board, it is my opinion that if the people of Miami provide a building site and enough money to build and equip a modern hospital and if the Convention gave its approval to such a project, the Hospital Board would be glad to build and operate a hospital with a minimum of 200 beds in the Miami area."

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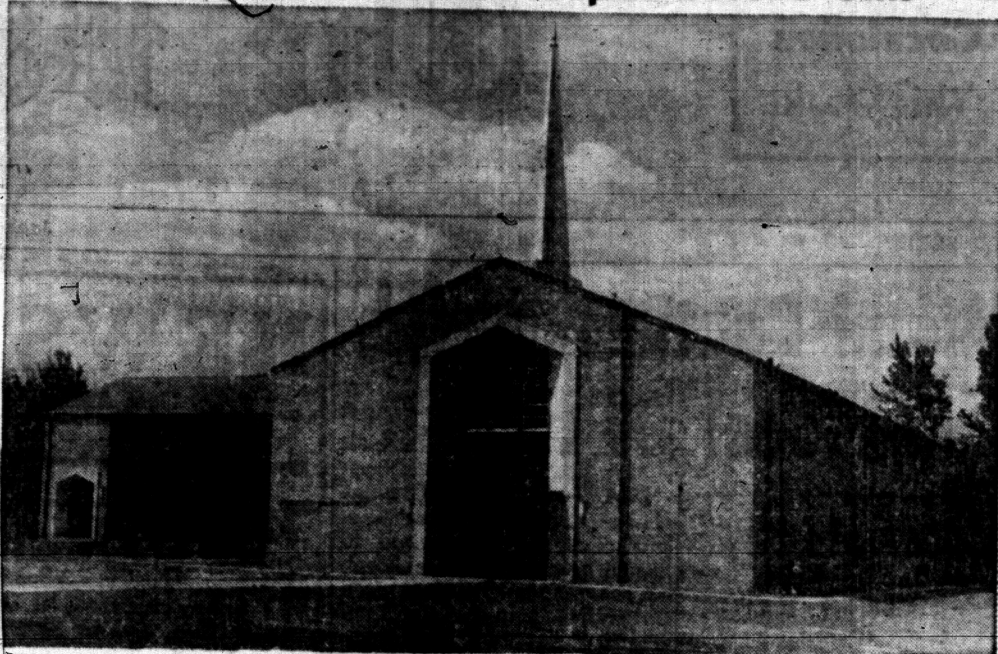
Baptist Hour In Its 15th Year

Observance of the 15th Anniversary of the Baptist Hour will be held throughout the Southern Convention the week of May 21-27, it was announced by Rev. Paul M. Stevens, Director of the Radio and Television Commission.

Highlight of the week-long ceremonies commemorating the first Baptist Hour which was broadcast in 1941 on 16 radio stations in 11 states, will be a "Baptist Hour Sunday," to be celebrated in many Southern Baptist churches on May 27th.

"We are hopeful that each of the 30,000 Southern Baptist churches will, during this anniversary week, take special cognizance of the Baptist Hour's great missionary effort and its

Ridgecrest Church Occupies Second Unit



Ridgecrest church, Jackson, has just begun occupancy of its main building's second unit, a \$170,000 structure. This was announced by the Rev. Fred Tarpley, pastor.

The new unit, constructed of buff-colored brick, is a two-story structure, 54 x 132 feet. It joins the first unit to form one building.

The new structure raises to 731 persons Ridgecrest's capacity for Sunday School attendance, and to 500 the facilities for worship services. Seven nurseries will be able to care for 125 babies. The plant is

entirely air-conditioned.

Ridgecrest church has grown rapidly since its organization as a mission of the First church on May 3, 1953. At that time, the small congregation occupied a small frame house, the residence of the family who had formerly lived at that location.

Now the church lists a membership of 545 members, 824 persons enrolled in Sunday School, and 311 in Training Union.

An all-time high attendance was recorded on April 22, when 501 persons attended worship service, and 204 were present

at Training Union.

The church now owns six and one-half acres of land, its present two units of its main building, and two frame buildings.

The church eventually plans to add two other units to its main building. This will provide for an attendance of 1400.

Ridgecrest has employed a youth and recreational director for the summer, Ernest Johnson, Mississippi College student, and will open a kindergarten in September.

H. L. Hutcherson is chairman of the building committee.

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stippi member of the commission.

Churches present at the organization of the Mississippi Association in 1806 were Cole's Creek (Salem), New Hope, Bethel (Now Woodville church), New Providence and Ebenezer. One other church, Bayou Pierre, existed at the time but was not present. All the above churches except Ebenezer and Bethel (Woodville) are now extinct.

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Cliff Temple, Natchez, Ordains Pastor



Rev. Henry E. White, Sr.

Ordination services for Rev. Henry E. White, Sr. were held at the Cliff Temple Church, Natchez, on Sunday, April 22. The ordination council was made up of visiting ministers and deacons.

The ordination sermon was delivered by Rev. Henry E. White, Jr. of Louisville, Kentucky, and the charge was presented by Rev. Emmette Moak of McComb.

Cliff Temple Church was organized on March 25, 1956 at which time Mr. White was called as pastor. He had been director of the Mission since January, 1956. Under Mr. White's leadership the membership has increased to 59, with 21 candidates for baptism.

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The staff of the B.M. Seer, student newspaper of Blue Mountain College, has been elected for 1956-57. Ann McMillan, Tallahassee, Fla. and Marlene Stuhmer, North Platte, Neb., are co-editors. From: Blue Mountain College-56 By: Marta Saborida, S.C.N.

15 years of carrying the gospel to millions of people," Stevens said.

Stevens explained that a special recording of excerpts from Baptist Hour messages is being prepared for use in Southern Baptist churches on "Baptist Hour Sunday."

This record will trace the history of the world during the past 15 years and will demonstrate how religion and Christianity have helped man with his many problems during periods of war and peace.

8 Mississippians To Graduate At S'western

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Two hundred fifty-three students are candidates for graduation from Southwestern Seminary Fort Worth, Texas, on May 11.

This number includes 11 applicants from the School of Sacred Music, 103 from the School of Religious Education, and 141 from the School of Theology. Two students will receive degrees from both the School of Religious Education and the School of Theology.

Top, left to right: Blanton, William C., Philadelphia, M.R.E.; Butler, Betty Florence, Brooksville, M.R.E.; Crossland, Mary Ellen, Jackson, M.R.E.; Graham, Clarice, Guntown, M.R.E.

Bottom, left to right: Long, Joe Leonard, Saitillo, B.S.M.; Olander, Daniel F., Jackson, M.R.E.; Pirkle, Mrs. Estus, Myrtle, M.R.E.; Pratt, David Lee, Pope, B.D.

There were 72 professions of faith and many rededications of lives in the revival at Mayodan, N. C. Preaching was Dr. Clyde Martin, pastor First Church, Senatobia.

C. Richard Broome, of Jacksonville, Fla., and Louisville, Ky., has been named assistant to the treasurer of Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, effective May 16. He is a graduate of the University of Florida and Southern Seminary.

Rev. J. W. Brister has resigned the pastorate of the Sardis Church in Copiah County in order to attend New Orleans Seminary. He has accepted the pastorate of a church in Louisiana. Mrs. Brister has been Church Secretary at Hazlehurst Church.

May will be "5-Star Member Month" at Calvary Church, Greenwood. This will include the four Sunday services and mid-week prayer meeting. Rev. Dan Morton is pastor.

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STATISTICS**

At the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1918, the Convention statisticians, Lansing Burrows, recommended that the service of gathering and compiling Convention statistics be transferred to the Sunday School Board. On motion by L. F. Van Ness, the statisticians' recommendation was referred to the committee on the Report of the Sunday School Board. In a later session the Sunday School Board was authorized by the Convention to accept this assignment.—A digest from the Annual of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1918.

The Survey, Statistics, and Information Department serves in three general areas of work:

1. Gathering and compiling vital statistics. Complete statistical information from 30,377 Southern Baptist churches is compiled and tabulated on modern IBM calculating machines.
2. Distributing general and specific information. The information compiled is distributed to our Baptist constituency through the Department's three publications: *The Southern Baptist Handbook* (annual), *The Quarterly Review* (periodical), and *The Survey Bulletin* (weekly newsletter). In addition, special requests for specific information in all areas of religious life are received and answered regularly. Further special information is projected in letters, in articles published in various periodicals, and from many platforms.
3. Conducting special research and surveys. Throughout the year, special surveys are made in many areas of church life. A sample is a recent study on "Population Shifts in the United States, 1950-1955, and their Effect Upon the Southern Baptist Convention." Accurate and reliable statistics enable a denomination to determine with scientific precision the direction in which spiritual currents are moving. They answer such questions as: Where are we headed? How fast are we growing? Wherein have we failed?

Thus the Sunday School Board serves the denomination through the medium of statistics. As church leaders know more about their denomination, they are better equipped to apply correctives and to stimulate activity in promoting the kingdom of God.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD
OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Sunday School Lesson

By Dr. L. Bracey Campbell

For May 6.

THE CONVERSION OF SAUL

Bible Text: Acts 9:1-39.

I. SAUL THE SINCERE

Of this one fact I would keep myself and you always conscious: Saul was never a play-actor. "Play-actor" is the meaning of the word which we have Anglicized into "hypocrite." Such Saul never was. He acted according to the truth as he conceived it, and was never more sincere as a Christian than he had been as a Jew, but had been just as loyal as a Pharisee as he was afterwards as a Christian. I am tempted to say that the dominant note in the song of his soul was this of utter honesty. Professional of course he was, but his confession and his profession grew out of his utter faith in the principles he held true.

II. SAUL THE STOUT-HEARTED, STUBBORN

If you believe as I believe and agree with me in my expression of my belief in the face of opposition; or, if you argue heatedly, contend uncompromisingly, for the things that I believe, then you are a person of great courage. If you differ with me and will not agree that I am right and that you are altogether wrong and reprehensible in your error, then you are stubborn, pig-headed, not amenable to reason.

Now Saul was a man of strong opinions. Let Saul become convinced of the truth of a proposition and all the might of Xerxes' banded hosts could not bend one thought of his proud heart. He sat one night with his feet in the stocks in a strange continent and defied the power of the Roman empire to break his will or shake his purpose.

Sitting there in the stocks in pain from his lacerated bleeding back, in jail because he had not influence enough to keep him out, he said to his fine singing companion, in like case with himself, "Barnabas, I think we should have a worship service in honor of Christ, our Lord," and, for the first time since they had been laid, the walls of that Roman prison vibrated to the voices of two strong men shouting their prayers of thanks to God and singing his praises in the night. Saul was the kind of a man to take the leadership of a movement, and he did it more effectively than any of the princes who have built the world.

III. SAUL THE SMITTEN

Here he is now on the road to Damascus! Pockets full of search warrants concerning up to him authority to arrest all Christians whom he could apprehend and bring them bound unto Jerusalem. He is near to the ancient city and the time is high noon. The Syrian sun is blazing overhead when suddenly there flashes a light that pales the light of the sun and smites Saul and his fellow travelers into the dust. And while he was lying there, lo, a voice in his native tongue.

"Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? It is hard for thee to kick against the lash." This Saul was no fool. He knew that the hand that had smitten him into the dust was stronger than the hand of man, and so his answer,

"Who art thou, Lord?" I think that in this word of address is to be found Saul's first confession of faith in Jesus. I have not the slightest doubt that he recognized both the brilliance and the voice as manifestations of the One whom he had been persecuting.

Mark you, it took this personal appearance of the risen Christ to subdue this strong man, but when the power was exerted, Saul's responding submission was complete. Doubts were gone with this submission. He had his interpretation of his Old Testament scriptures, and now with the revelation of the Lord Jesus in him, those same scriptures knocked his interpretation to pieces.

IV. SAUL THE SUBMISSIVE

The Lord had set Saul's course of action and that after Saul had accepted the Lordship of his Saviour and Master. Of course Saul was bewildered. The teachings of an earnest, ardent, devoted life must all go into the junk heap of things outworn and useless, but go they must. If Saul was to accept the mandate of his Lord,

and accept that mandate he had already. He was done with the past. His face was to the future and that future under the complete command of one whom he delighted to call, "Our Lord Jesus Christ."

V. SAUL THE SOUL-WINNER

This he conceived to be his first duty. Years afterwards he stood before a king with chains upon his ankles and his wrists and, lifting his shackled hands before him said, "I would to God that not only Thou, but that all that hear me this day were as I am, except these bonds." Immediately after his baptism in Damascus he began his life-long effort of persuading men to accept as Lord the One who had become master of his own life. Thus the Lord had made him to become what He had promised his earlier disciples that He would make of them, "Fishers of men."

VI. SAUL, "PAUL" THE SEED-PLANTER

In this capacity he traversed the Roman empire from Damascus in the east to Rome, and likely to Spain in the west. And, wherever he went in city after city, he planted a seed-bed of living Christian truth and, in every instance of his planting, the seed grew into vigorous life, churches sprang up in the path marked by his feet, men turned from darkness to light and from dead idols to the living God. No other ten teachers who ever lived left such groups of disciples and centers of learning behind them. Of course we are keeping in mind the fact that he himself disclaimed all credit for personal performance. He said, "I labored more abundantly than them all; yet not I, but Christ in me."

VII. PAUL THE SYSTEM BUILDER

Have you read his letter to the Romans? In embryo it is a systematic theology. The outward and onward reach of its vital truth dwarfs all the uninspired systems of philosophy into practical nothingness. Have you read his doctrine of the church in Ephesians, or his doctrine of the supremacy of the Lord Jesus in the sublime second chapter of Colossians, his matchless exhortation to the emulation of the mind of Christ in Philippians 2: 5-11, or his argument for the resurrection in the matchless 1 Corin. 15? In these writings this wonderful man sets forth the heart of the Christian teaching.

VIII. PAUL THE STAR-CROWNED

I do not know whether Paul's crown will have a star. I do not recall anywhere he says it would. We used to sing, "Will there Be Any Stars in My Crown?" But if there is any suggestion in the New Testament that there will be, I am inclined to think that it is of a piece with a lot of other things we have sung, such as, "When They Ring Those Golden Bells For You and Me." What Golden bells? Where "at"? You ever see anything about that in the New Testament?

When I was a youngster, sometimes just before the evangelist preached, some dear lady with weeping willows in her voice would stand up and sing, "Where is My Wandering Boy Tonight?" and then a lot of the dear sisters would cry. The other night I watched on T-V a young Irishman stand up and in a melting, mellow voice sing, "Danny Boy" and the elderly Irish stage manager choked up and wept. I have no objection to "Danny Boy" but if this young Irishman sang it in a church and the aging Irish gentleman wept, the performance would be just about as Christian as that of the elderly ladies who wept when a younger member of their number sings some such sentimental song as, "Where is My Wandering Boy Tonight?"

That Paul will wear a crown of rejoicing as a reward for his righteous, abundant labors, I have not the slightest doubt. God grant it may be so.

Pine Grove Church Has Good Revival

There were eight professions of faith, one addition by letter, one person surrendering for full-time Christian service, and several rededications, during the recent revival at Pine Grove Church, Collinsville.

Rev. J. M. Snowden, pastor, did the preaching. Rev. Billy Joe Pierce, student at Clarke College, led the singing.

When one gives himself to Christ, the giving of all lesser things becomes easy.

Gore Springs Holds Groundbreaking



Shown above are, left to right, C. P. Marter, Earl L. Cantrell, M. E. Phillips, Earl L. Gillon, Building Committee Chairman; Hiram E. Davis, Rev. G. H. Middleton, pastor; Bobby E. Gillon, Arnold Dyre, Finance Committee Chairman; E. L. Trusty, and S. E. Gillon, who participated in ground-breaking ceremonies on a recent Sunday at Gore Springs Church.

The services, conducted by Rev. G. H. Middleton, marked the beginning of a building program. Earl L. Gillon, Building Committee Chairman, broke the ground, commemorating the actual beginning of construction.

F. E. Gillon donated the property on which the building will be erected.

Children's Page

GOD'S WONDERFUL WORLD



Remember the first firecracker you lighted? How excited you were? Perhaps you can imagine how excited a group of scientists

were the day they first tested atomic power. They must have thought of God and His creation of heaven and earth. Perhaps they remembered the scripture, "He looketh on the earth and it trembleth. He toucheth the hills and they smoke."

It happened on a cold December day in Chicago, underneath the University of Chicago's Stagg Field Stadium. Little did people imagine, that one day, underneath this great steel and concrete stadium, scientists would test the atom to see if it could be released and controlled

at the same time. It was a tiny experiment in comparison with today's new atomic developments. The result produced less than enough power to run an electric clock.

Tiny though it was it proved that atomic power could destroy terribly! And, it could also benefit the world! Today, atomic medicine is used to heal the sick. Scientists tell us that, in the future, atomic power will heat and light our homes, propel ships, aircraft and submarines. Every day we hear more about the power of the atom. But, the atom is only one of God's great powers. There are many more. Among them—the power of salvation! And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." John 12:32.

Note: If you have a question that you want answered about God's wonderful world, send it to God's Wonderful World, c/o Baptist Press, 127 9th Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn.

NED FINDS OUT

By Grayce Krogh Boller

Ned sat down on Freddy's step. He looked sad. Freddy looked at the new boy and smiled a welcome.

"It's hot, isn't it?" Ned wiped his forehead with a clean handkerchief. "There isn't anything fun to do in hot weather."

"Want to look at my new book?" Freddy offered kindly. "It's about Alaska. It has pictures of ice and snow. Maybe we would feel cool looking at it."

"Okay," Ned agreed, so Freddy got his new book and the two friends sat on the shady steps and looked at it.

"Where did you get such a nice bookmark?" Ned asked as a leather strip fell out of the book.

"Made it," Freddy grinned. "In Vacation Bible School."

"Made it?" Ned perked up. "I like to make things. Can anybody go to Vacation Bible School?"

"Of course," Freddy explained. "Want to go with me tomorrow? We have fun."

"Sure," Ned nodded. "I'll ask my Mother."

Of course Mother said yes, so bright and early, Ned was waiting for Freddy. They walked along, keeping on the shady side of the street, away from the hot sun, before long, they turned into the cool, tree-lined walk of the churchyard.

"We go down here first," Freddy led the way down the steps to a room in the basement of the church.

It was cool there. Ned smiled when Freddy introduced him to a young chap named Art Taylor. He was the teacher. When all the boys and girls were there, Art asked Ned to carry a box with construction paper and crayons. He took up a book. He gave Freddy another book to carry.

"I thought we'd work outdoors, under the lovely trees God has made for us," Art told them. "There is a nice breeze out there and the air is sweet."

Art was right. When all the boys and girls were seated around a wooden table beneath

the trees. A cool breeze blew. Art gave out crayons and bright paper. He showed the boys and girls how to make a different kind of bookmark than the one Freddy had made last week. While they worked, Art told them a Bible story. It was a good story, about Daniel and the lions and how Daniel was not afraid of the lions because he knew the Lord would take care of him. Ned liked the story. He liked making the bookmark, too.

When Janie tore her paper, he saw Freddy share his with her, because there wasn't any more of that color. Ned noticed how another boy held the drinking fountain open so the girls could get a drink easily.

"Everyone is so nice," he told Freddy as they walked home with their bookmarks.

"Well, we are Christians," Freddy explained. "We just try to show how much we love one another, the way Jesus told us to do."

"I'm going to do that, too," Ned decided. "I could have helped more today, but I didn't. Tomorrow I'm going to keep watch and see how many things I can do to help."

"That is the right way to do," Freddy smiled gladly. "It doesn't seem so hot, either," Ned grinned. "I like you, Freddy. Now I know why you are always so kind and so nice. I like Vacation Bible School, too. I like being a Christian."

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SINGING IN THE STORM By Gladys Cleone Carpenter The happy rain has found some tin

Underneath the eaves. It's singing forth a beating din To wind and falling leaves.

In your heart some rain will fall, And winds of temper tear. But ways to sing God gives to all

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April Spotlights Youth Activities In Training Union

There's More To Be Said About Youth Night

As reports on Baptist Youth Night continue to reach our office the splendid work of our associational Training Union Directors becomes increasingly evident. A total of thirty-two reports have been sent in (seven said they were not observing it this year) and word has come from Calhoun, Lauderdale, Lincoln and Madison Associations of a future date on which Youth Night will be held.

Here are the ones to be added to the list appearing in last week's Record:

Choctaw	63
Hinds	223
Holmes	152
Lafayette	79
Lebanon	600
Noxubee	43
Scott	102
Simpson	150
Smith	78

A total attendance of 4,014 has been reported from the twenty-three Youth Nights conducted.

ECHOES FROM YOUTH WEEK

By Louise Hill
Gleaned from Youth Week Training Union Department.

Rev. Mayo Brown, pastor of Pleasant Ridge Church, Holmes Association: "This is the first time anything like this has ever been done in this church. I feel that it will make a lasting imprint on the life of our church."

Troy Sandifer, Jr., of West Laurel Church writes that this was by far the most successful Youth Week while Miss Nelle Magee of nearby Ellisville, First Church, comments that one of the outstanding features of their observance was the utilization of several young people who had not been used in any place of service before.

To bear out Kelly Wall's (Mt. Vernon Church, Mississippi Association) assertion that "the results are sometimes better than a revival meeting," Miss Lexie Muse of Second Avenue Laurel wrote "we all experienced a spiritual revival." Miss Regina Godley, director of Berwick Church, Mississippi Association comments that "it was an inspiration to the young people and to the old to have these services."

Mrs. C. M. Williams of Pleasant Hill Church in DeSoto Association in writing about Youth Week has the following to say: "It gives them a responsibility in the church, and they do a good job along with enjoying it."

Everett Denton of Mt. Horeb Church, Lauderdale Association reports "This was an inspiration to all. There were four rededications." "In my opinion, Youth Week has been such a challenge to the adults of our church that we can never be the same," is the word that comes from Glenn Farrar, Training Union Director of Harrisburg Church, Tupelo.

Columbia First: We think enough of it to make it an annual thing," writes C. D. Haire, Educational Director.

Miss Odelle Adams of Clarke

Venerable Church, Decatur in reporting on Youth Week, "The value of this week properly observed cannot be summed up in words. Time only will reveal the true value."

From Floyd McGehee of Pilgrim's Rest Church, Panola Association: "Our young people were enthusiastic and worked wholeheartedly in it."

Mrs. George W. Owens, of Toxish Church, Pontotoc Association, writes: "Our theme for this year was 'Jesus Christ and We' with emphasis on stewardship of self."

First Church, Vicksburg, Ellis Bryan reporting: "The adults were pleased and made aware of the youth potential of our church."

Mrs. W. P. Luckett of Goodrum Memorial Church, Warren Association reports: "I am sure the lives of the fifteen young people who participated in Youth Week are strengthened because of their leadership." She reports that all fifteen of these attended the associational Youth Night.

Rev. J. A. Hollaway of Grace Church, Warren Association, has the following comment to make on Youth Week: "One of the best things that has happened in our church."

"The value of Youth Week to the church cannot be overestimated," writes Ulvie Fitts of Mantee.

Mrs. Jimmie D. Palmer of Clarkson Church, Zion Association, reports: "Youth Week is

one of the greatest educational events that the youth of any church has ever been given an opportunity in which to participate."

Mrs. A. A. Greene of Calvary, West Point, has the highest praise for Youth Week: "The Youth Week in our church was one of the highlights in our church program with about 133 Intermediates and Young People participating."

(To be continued)

Sharon Adds 17 In Two-Weeks Revival

Rev. Howard Gay, pastor of the Sharon Church, Long Beach, recently led the church in a two-week revival in which there were 17 additions to the membership.

There were 12 professions of faith, 5 additions by letter, and 38 rededications.

Floridian Joins Seminary Staff

C. Richard Broome, of Jacksonville, Fla., has been named assistant to the treasurer of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He will begin work May 16.

He is a graduate in personnel management of the University of Florida, Gainesville, and holds the Bachelor of Divinity degree from Southern Seminary.

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EDITORIALS

Stick Close to the Conventions

A veteran successful pastor several years ago, in an ordination service, said to the candidate being set apart to the Gospel ministry, "stick close to the conventions." He was speaking of the association, the State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

We strongly pass the same admonition on to all candidates for the ministry as well as all pastors and other full-time workers.

The veteran pastor above had many reasons for so advising. We cannot possibly conceive of a reason why a pastor should not. Many reasons in the mind of the veteran pastor are obvious and we present some of them here.

The New Testament is rather clear on many points, and one of those is cooperative missions. That means churches working together, and the New Testament is also plain on that score.

Our Baptist churches are banded together in a convention for fellowship, unity in purpose and cooperative mission effort. Pastors should stick close to the conventions. That includes attendance, study and participation.

It is through our conventions that we as Baptists and Baptist churches carry out the Great Commission. It is through our conventions that we maintain an enterprise of Christian education. It is through our conventions that we sponsor a ministry of benevolences and carry a total mission program throughout the world.

It is through our conventions that we can present a united front on moral issues. It is through our conventions that we gain the blessings of Christian fellowship. It is through our conventions that we finally glorify the name of Jesus.

A pastor surely has a two-fold duty. One is to lead the church into a full local ministry. The other is to lead the church to participate, along with the other churches, in a cooperative missionary effort.

A pastor, to be of maximum usefulness in the Lord's ministry, cannot neglect either. He should give himself with abandon to both tasks.

Sticking close to the conventions often means accepting responsibility and work. But this must be done by someone, to be sure.

A pastor, to be of maximum usefulness, should be in a position to cooperate heartily in the conventions and their programs. The same is true of any other denomination.

Happily most of our pastors cooperate fully. Some few do not, except passively. A very limited number are antagonistic and work against the conventions.

Those who are only passively cooperative are urged, in a spirit of love, to awaken to their opportunities and responsibilities as active participants.

Those who are antagonistic are likewise urged to catch a vision of what their usefulness could be in their chosen denomination if they would join their brethren in mutual cooperation.

Our conventions are not perfect. They are not because they are composed of imperfect human beings. But they are perfect enough to do the job assigned.

All cooperating we can make them more perfect and more efficient. It is easy to find a little fault here and there and criticize. It is harder to stay in there pitching in order to remove the little faults.

Churches often, usually, reflect the leadership of the pastor in the matter of convention participation.

A church supporting its convention is usually a dynamic, growing, spiritual body. Support of a growing convention program gives purpose and challenge to a church.

A church living for itself alone soon loses its sense of purpose and direction. It often becomes the center of internal troubles.

Mississippi and Southern Baptists have a great, growing denomination and program of work. Most of us are going along. We invite all concerned to do likewise.

Let's stick close to the conventions.

Editorial Brevities

Mississippi Baptists should all be interested in the sesquicentennial celebration this coming Sunday of old Ebenezer Baptist Church and the Mississippi Baptist Association. This event should cause us to pause momentarily and look to our glorious history. It has been said in effect that every great people have been conscious of their history. One hundred and fifty years is a long time. We should look to the past for inspiration for the future. Congratulations to Ebenezer Church and Mississippi Association.

"A Decade Among Students" is the title of an interesting 8-page pamphlet reaching the acting editor's desk. It portrays a decade among Mississippi Baptist College students under the leadership of Charles W. Horner, state Baptist Student Union secretary. The period covered is 1946-56 and points to a tremendous growth in the entire student field. Those interested would do well to contact the State B S U Department for a copy. Congratulations to all concerned.

Mississippi Baptist institutions of recent have been the recipients of grants from the Ford Foundation and the Palmolive-Peet interests. The U. S. Steel Foundation earlier this month announced that grants were being made to 89 church-related colleges and universities. It included 57 Roman Catholic, 20 Protestant and two Jewish institutions. Apparently no Mississippi Baptist school was included. The above is given for information only. It should remind us however that although these grants are always welcome when they come our obligation as Mississippi Baptists is to support our own schools if necessary without such grants.

Not too much has been said about it but a tug-of-war is being waged in which all of us should be interested. The question is over whether the television networks should sell time to churches or others for religious programs or give sustaining time. The National Broadcasting Company started its first sponsored religious broadcast on April 22, when it aired "The Hour of Decision," by Billy Graham. Columbia Broadcasting System is now the only network which does not sell time to churches. The Broadcasting and Film Commission, National Council of Churches, and some other Protestant groups favor a policy of having stations and networks giving sustaining time for religious programs as a public service, instead of selling time.

Nine-hundred Chaplains Needed, according to a news release reaching our desk. "If mobilization of the U. S. Army were ordered today, hundreds of reserve units would go into action without services of a spiritual advisor," according to Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) Frank Tobey, deputy chief of Army chaplains. Chaplain Tobey, an American Baptist, called for ministers to fill 600 chaplaincy vacancies in the Army reserve units and 300 in the National Guard.



GUEST EDITORIAL

The God Who Is Our Strength

(The Watchman-Examiner, Condensed)

All true Christian faith is founded upon the personality of God. Only a Person can be the object of religious affection of adoration, of love and confidence.

In what sense is God a Person in whom we can place our trust? It means that we are creatures made in the image and likeness of God—having capacities of mind, affection and volition—although we are fallen specimens of the ideal. While our minds, affections and volitions are impregnated with sin, that is not true of God.

Jesus is a Person. The mind of Christ is the ideal mental state of every true believer. The will of Christ Jesus is a perfect will for he of all creatures is able to say "I delight to do thy will, oh God" and speak the truth.

We find, then, in the revelation of God, the characteristics of Jesus. He thinks, he loves, he wills. It is in this sense that we study to bring our minds into the state in which we can think God's thoughts after him. That is communion.

It is in such fellowship that God is our strength. This is what Paul means when he declares "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me." As Christ drew his strength from God and revealed it in his human experience in this world, so we are taught to do likewise and to be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might.

God is our strength because we know all power is derived from him. We have not an ability to exist, act and accomplish holy purposes apart from God, and independently of him.

Christian faith admits human weakness and need; we come to God because of that. All of us have to meet emergencies in life as efficiently as their conditions demand. We need physical, intellectual and moral strength for any special work or occasion. These are endowments of power. Such endowments are intellectual, moral and spiritual or volitional.

The Christian's relation with Christ is the source of strength—moral, intellectual and spiritual—which gives dignity to the person in the highest ethical sense. The strength to believe, the strength to understand, the strength to obey, the strength to resist temptations, the strength to bear afflictions come from Christ only. This is Christian realism.

There is no limit to this divine strength. What Dwight L. Moody discovered is still a reality: "The world has yet to see what God will not do with a man that is fully consecrated to his will." History is filled with examples of men weak in intellect, weak in character, feeble of purpose, who have been transformed into heroes by the power of our Lord Jesus Christ.

There are three principles which govern the Christian's character. First, humility is required in the sense that we have no strength in ourselves and know it.

Second, the Lord is our strength in that we expect to find in him an inexhaustible supply of this power for all ends required by our sanctification and service for Christ. We need the strength that comes from God through Christ to us to attain true knowledge, become holy, to do good, and to bear all our trials and perform all our duties to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Third, there is the principle of growth in grace whereby our strength steadily increases. Those who receive power from Christ go repeatedly to the source of their strength and never find themselves disappointed. Therefore, they have no difficulty in relying on Christ, renouncing their own natural and carnal powers, and seeking his strength in the way of his appointments.

Far too many Christian people seem not to take seriously the deep purpose God has in our redemption. They do not read their Bible devoutly. If they did they would be keenly aware that salvation means to be saved from the dominance of our carnal natures in order to be brought under the rule of God's Spirit. It is the point at which real fellowship with God begins. Then God can do for and with us beyond anything we can ask or think. And it is just at that stage where we reach personal peace and power.

The exhortations of the New Testament are not there to be glossed over. What the Holy Spirit, through the Word, tells us to do can be attempted with assurance that God will help us. Our Saviour is engaged in the work of bringing many sons to glory. (Hebrews 2:10) They are the fruit of his atoning sacrifice. But he does it by discipline, by testing or training, by giving us strength to be skillful in righteousness. (Hebrews 5:13,14) It becomes the purpose of the redeemed life to be holy; to be morally, mentally and dispositionally healthy. It is in this way that the beauty of the Lord rests upon us in strength. (Psalm 90:17)

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

May 7 — Christian Home Week; W.M.U. Special Day.
May 8 — Schools of Missions Clinic and Conference, Kitti-wake; Rev. W. P. Young, Jackson Association Missionary.
May 9 — Dr. D. M. Nelson, President, Mississippi College; Mrs. Palmer, Harrison, Tip-pah Association W.M.U. Supt.
May 10 — Dr. A. M. Tate, William Carey College staff; Ray

Bateman, East Central Junior College BSU Director.
May 11 — Rev. David Smith-son, Union County Association; Charles W. Horner, Baptist Building.
May 12 — Mrs. R. A. Heritage, Leflore Association, Music Director; Dr. John F. Carter, Clarke College faculty.
May 13 — Mother's Day Offering, Mississippi Baptist Hospital; G. A. Focus Week.

17th Century Baptist Press.

President's Baptist Leanings Threaten Scandal At Harvard

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., February 4, 1954 —(BP)— Civil authorities have asked for the resignation of Henry Dunster, president of Harvard College, in order to avoid "a scandal to the country," it was learned today.

Public officials have objected to the religious beliefs of the president, who has embraced the principles of the Baptists. A small band of zealots, the Baptists aggressively defend such heresies as believer's baptism and separation of church and state.

"President Dunster has by his practice and opinions against infant baptism rendered himself offensive to this government," authorities declared in a directive addressed to New England ministers. The government called for co-operation in enforcing measures "for the prevention or removal of that which may tend to the prejudice of the college and scandal to the country."

Dunster is a member of the church at Cambridge, but from the first he has insisted that immersion is the Scriptural mode of baptism. He also has argued that baptism should be administered only to professing believers.

The brilliant president's stand became intolerable when he recently refused to allow his own child to be baptized into the Cambridge church, much to the consternation and embarrassment of his pastor, Reverend Shepard.

Swept away by the surging tide of Baptist doctrine, Dunster apparently is unconcerned that his action has placed the social and spiritual welfare of his child in jeopardy. He has chosen to ignore the teachings of his own church and government that his child's soul is doomed without baptism.

Dunster is believed to have been deeply stirred by the public whipping of a Baptist minister, Obadiah Holmes, at near-by Boston several years ago. Holmes refused to pay a fine for his religious activities and endured a brutal lashing without flinching, praying for his oppressors during the ordeal.

After receiving the government directive, nine leading ministers and two elders called Dunster into conference to warn him that his Baptist leanings might cost him his job. But the president only defended his stand more vigorously.

"All instituted gospel worship has some express word of Scripture," he told the ministers, "but infant baptism has none."

School officials doubtless would be less tolerant of Dunster's extreme religious convictions if he were not such an able president. Under his remarkable leadership Harvard has risen from an unnoticed school to an outstanding institution. The president also is one of the ablest minds in New England, being unexcelled in his mastery of Greek and Hebrew. Harvard graduates are recognized for their scholarship and—at least until now—their soundness of religious doctrine.

Dunster's loyalty to the school cannot be questioned. He has given to Harvard one hundred acres of land while living off a pittance. He also has built the president's home out of his own funds and has been more concerned about the finances of the school than his own solvency.

Until he began to voice his Baptist views, the president won high praise from all quarters for his integrity, administrative ability, and sound leadership.

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Our Readers Write

Dear Sir: Please place this message in the Baptist Record:

He that loveth not, knoweth not God; for God is love." 1 John 4:8.

The greatest need above everything else in this world is love. God is love. Those that do not have love in their hearts do not know God. There is nothing like love, and can do for the human heart what love can do.

"There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear." The hearts of many are full of fear today because the heart has not been made perfect in love. Love is the best and most beautiful thing in this world.

God so loved the world that he sent his Son Jesus into the world to save the lost. If God so loved us, we must love one another. Love makes life worth while, and happy because it does no ill to the neighbor. It is long suffering and kind.

If we love God we love our brother, too. There is nothing in man's heart that is hidden from the eyes of God; he is looking upon the heart. If we love God we will keep his commandments.

If we go to heaven we must go by the way of love. The world is full of sin and sorrow on every side. Remember that if we have better homes, and better churches, we must have perfect love, pressing forward in Christ.

LINN D. TURNER, Monticello, Miss.

Dear Editor:

In the April 12 issue of the Record on page 8 we read the article on "Why Pastors Seek Change of Pulpits," which is a timely article and one all churches should notice, but it put all the blame on the churches for pastors changing pulpits, and I accept that as true in some instances, but what of the preacher that is constantly seeking a larger congregation, which would mean a larger salary, of course.

So many churches call a pastor for a year or for a lengthy time. He serves about six to eight months, and the church cooperates with him in the church program, and then he resigns, maybe with the excuse his services are needed elsewhere or in some other

church community, and disrupts the church program till the church can call another pastor.

It makes us wonder why all this restlessness among preachers, if it all is the church's fault. It puts a church in a bad position also as no two preachers hardly ever want the same program or want one carried out in the same way, so the church has a change-over again, and a reluctance on the part of some members to serve or work in the church till they really get acquainted with the new pastor.

So, I just wonder? Although we like articles like that in our Baptist paper which I think is good and am a staunch Baptist myself. So may our great work progress in the name of our Lord.

A Baptist reader

Dear Editor:

When we are called of God as ministers, we are called to go and to do any task which God would lay upon our hearts as a conviction. Granted? Now, let's apply this thinking to the task of missions. Every preacher, in fact every Christian, ought to be a missionary. Right? Well, here's a mission church down in Brazil or off in Cairo that needs a pastor. Or, there's a mission school in Rome or Zurich in need of a teacher.

Here at home what do we do in such a situation? Why, we get ourselves a committee. That committee spends time in prayer and effort seeking out the person whom they feel is qualified in training and spiritual perception to fill the need. Then, after prayerful consideration, they go to a specific person, present their case, and ask that person to give the matter his prayerful consideration to see if God really is leading in the filling of that specific task. And the man accepts the call or refuses it in the light of what he considers God's leadership.

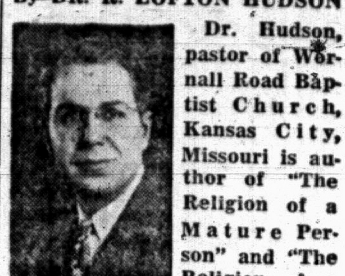
Rust's idea is that the same procedure could be followed in getting the missionary pastor or teacher to take up the task in a country other than America.

You know, I think he's got hold of a basic issue. Of course, we can see problems connected with it, and there are wrinkles that would need ironing out, but it does have some exciting possibilities.

Let's even grant that perhaps one would answer such a call and in 5 or 6 years, more or less, feel that God is leading him to return to the United

Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON



Dr. Hudson, pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind" for the Baptist Record.

Offering Plates

QUESTION: I am a young pastor of a church that has not been passing the offering plates. They make their offering at the Sunday school hour. They say that it is not Scriptural to use them. What is the truth about how to take an offering?

ANSWER: There is no scripture on offering plates. In this they are right. But neither is there any scripture for hymn books, church pews, tracts, Sunday school literature, church buildings, choirs, and a dozen other things that all New Testament churches (Spirit-led and divinely empowered) use.

Such an argument from silence makes church people look pretty silly in the eyes of thinking people everywhere. Did you know that the word "sermon" is not used in the Bible? Does this mean that sermons are unscriptural? Such letter-of-the-law Christians are a reproach to Christianity.

Giving is a part of worship. Jesus beheld the people as they cast in their offerings. The wise men brought offerings to the child Jesus, as a part of their worship. Why should your church set itself and its judgment up against the opinions of all of Christendom? It sounds to me like a group of people, perhaps very good people, who think that they are Christian because they are different. Humility would require that they counsel with their brethren.

That church is wrong. Teach them a better way, trust the Holy Spirit and their consecrated common sense to guide them.

(Address questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.)

—BR—

Man Of Distinction

The liquor industry spends millions on advertising. They seek to set liquor up as a drink popular with "men of distinction."

The account below from the Clarion-Ledger shows that liquor can also make men of extinction.

"The body of a 39-year-old Jackson painter was pulled from the Pearl River near where he slipped and fell into the swollen river around midnight Saturday.

"The man was found in the river some nine hours after he walked out the door of a fishing shanty and dropped into 45 feet of water.

"The drowning occurred about 100 yards east of the river bridge on old Highway 80. The men were said to be drinking."

—BR—
In the "horse and buggy days" when a driver got drunk, there was enough "horse sense" left to get him home safely.

—BR—

Liquor foils the man who fools with it.

States. Even with the investment made in getting him to and from, can you think about the aroused concern in missions such a person would have? Seeing the problem first-hand, actually doing the work, and gaining a new comparison for others would undoubtedly rub off on future congregations, resulting in better giving both of life and money.

Questioningly—yours, G. Avery Lee

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What Do Jehovah's Witnesses Believe?

By Dr. F. TOWNLEY LORD
CHARLES FRANCIS POTTER in his book *The Faiths Men Live By*, published this year in the United States, estimates that there are about half a million Jehovah's Witnesses in the world, of whom more than half are in the United States. Their name, based on Isaiah XLIII, 10 "Ye are my witnesses, saith Jehovah, and my servant whom I have chosen," is only the latest of several descriptions they have employed, the others including "The Millennial Dawn," "The International Bible Students' Association," "The Associated Bible Students."

The founder of the movement was Charles Taze Russell who, having inherited a prosperous business from his father, eventually sold it and thenceforward devoted his life to the dissemination of his views. It is probable that he owed some of them to J. H. Paton who wrote a book called *Day Dawn*, but as far as I know Mr. Russell never acknowledged any debt in this respect. In 1884, at the age of thirty-two, he founded an organization called The Zion's Watch Tower Society and produced the seven volumes of *Studies in the Scriptures* which constitute the guide and directive principles of the organization. Both as speaker and writer he showed he had a clear, effective style.

C. T. Russell died in 1916 and was succeeded by an advocate who styled himself "Judge" Rutherford. Rutherford had a high opinion of his predecessor, for after Russell's death he said of him, "When the history of the Church of Christ is fully written it will be found that the place next to St. Paul in the gallery of fame as expounders of the gospel of the Great Master will be occupied by Charles Taze Russell." But Rutherford must have closed his eyes to the fact that Russell's wife divorced him, and that the Court made strong criticism of his conduct. Russell must have allowed his enthusiasm to carry him away on occasion. He once claimed a knowledge of Greek, but had to admit, when challenged, that he had no such knowledge. Rutherford

brought to the movement immense drive and the development of a radio technique. At his death in 1942 he was succeeded in leadership by Mr. Nathan Homer Knorr.

The movement appears to have an effective business organization. At the head is a board of directors, and under them regional and zone servants of the movement. Jehovah's Witnesses have no churches and no "professional" Ministry. They meet in what are called "Kingdom Halls" and every member is expected to fulfill the duties of an evangelist and missionary. Their publication, the *Watchtower*, on April 1, 1953, reported that the previous year had seen "456,265 ministerial publishers in the field." C. F. Potter states that in one recent year twelve million magazines, eighteen million tracts and twenty million books and booklets were distributed. So, whatever be the religious verdict on Jehovah's Witness, it is quite clear that the movement is big business!

The movement vigorously criticizes all other Churches. Rutherford was definite enough in his book *Deliverance*: "The ecclesiastical system, Catholic and Protestant, are under the supervision and control of the devil and form a part of his visible organization, and therefore constitute the anti-Christ." So now we know!

I always like to discover what good I can in any movement which wins the devotion of its adherents, so let it be put to the credit of Jehovah's Witnesses that they are intense in their zeal, vigorous in their opposition to war and their protest against social extravagances. Russell himself protested against intemperance, gambling and selfish indulgence. His followers have gained prominence in various parts of the world by their refusal to "salute the flag," accept jury duty and exercise the vote; and although several governments have declared their activities to be "subversive" no one can deny their courage and zeal. In 1953 they held a Convention in Yankee Stadium, New York, and in five hours baptised 4,640 "converts." This year some thousands of them were to be seen at a Convention at Twickenham, each delegate wearing a large-size label.

It is no easy task to discover coherent principles in a movement which turns the Bible into a sort of Old Moore's Almanac, wrests passages out of their context, twists texts to suit a preconceived theory, and believes that its founder knows more about what the Bible means than the men who wrote it. But the following points are clear enough and are sufficient to demonstrate that the whole movement must be classed as an enemy of the evangelical Gospel.

1. Jehovah's Witnesses are unitarian.
Russell himself used the phrase "Trinitarian nonsense." He believed in God, but had no room for a personal Holy Spirit. Sneeringly he remarked: "there are some clergymen, no doubt, who are really sincere in thinking that Jesus was his own father, and that the Almighty is the son of himself, and that each of these two is a third person who is the same as the other two and yet different from them."

And what of Jesus, Son of God? He was not Son of God, declares Russell. Before Jesus appeared on earth he was the chief of the angels and his name was Michael. When Jesus was on earth he was "a perfect man, nothing more, nothing less." "He did not receive a divine nature until his death."

2. The Second Coming has already happened.
"We have no hesitation" declared Rutherford, "in announcing the heart-cheering intelligence that the Master is again present though his glorious person is graciously veiled from human sight." Apparently Jesus came again about 1874, (this being six thousand years after Creation) though no one saw him. Four years later, we are told, the saints were raised. It was forecast that in 1914 all the dead would be raised, but events have made it necessary to modify this view. (Events, we may notice, have a way of falsifying these weird predictions, but these specialists in times and seasons never seem to learn).

3. Look out for 1984.
A curious view in the Jehovah's Witnesses' creed is that when people die they are just dead, and remain so. There

is no such thing as punishment, Russell declared. The dead are dead, and so remain until Gabriel's trumpet announces the establishment on earth of God's Great Theocracy, when all the dead will be raised physically (how there could be room for them all the movement doesn't say!) At this great assize all will receive a second chance. Those who accept God and Jesus will become immortal in this earth, while the rest will be annihilated. Apparently only 144,000 will receive a favourable verdict, so we are left wondering what will become of the rest of the half million who are numbered among the faithful!

To many of us it is distasteful to have to criticise sharply men and women who hold tenaciously and with devotion to what they believe to be true. Yet Jehovah's Witnesses have forfeited this kind of consideration by their absurd attitude to all other Christian bodies. I have already quoted Rutherford's dismissal of all Christian Churches as "under the supervision and control of the devil." Russell had his own invective. He classed us all, Protestants as well as Roman Catholics, as "the whores of Babylon" and the "organisation of Satan." Anyone who can use language like that has really passed outside the realm of sympathetic treatment.

So I suggest the following practical method of dealing with the advocates of this weird and perverted view of religion.

1. Don't waste your money by buying their literature. You are only supporting a commercial organisation which preys upon your credulity.

2. Don't waste time arguing with Jehovah's Witnesses who may call at your door. It is just a sheer waste of time to listen to people who degrade the Bible from its true meaning.

3. You always have the satisfaction of knowing that it is better to read the Gospels for yourselves than to listen to imaginative and useless deductions from apocalyptic dreams.

4. Jehovah's Witnesses do not present that Gospel as it is in Jesus our Saviour. Jesus Himself is a better guide than Russell or Rutherford or their followers. They say Jesus was the archangel Michael who became a man; Jesus said "I and the Father are one." They say that all who die are dead, lifeless as the dust; Jesus said to one who hung on a cross, "This day thou shalt be with me in Paradise." They say they do not believe in churches; Jesus went to the church of his day, the synagogue, "as His custom was."

They ridicule the idea of the Holy Spirit; Jesus said "When He the Comforter is come, He will guide you into all truth." They limit the saved; Jesus said "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." They think of the future in terms of a material world; Jesus said "My kingdom is not of this world." Need we say any more? For the life of me, I cannot see, on the basis of the Jehovah Witnesses' creed, what need there is for the Death on the Cross, or what hope there is for us all in Christ's victory over the tomb. A great prophet in the Old Testament put a question and gave the answer. "What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God." This will be found to be a surer guide to victorious living than the jig-saw puzzles Russell and Rutherford elevated into pompous absurdities. The penitent heart still cries, "What shall I do to be saved?" The answer is not in literary acrobatics based on misunderstanding of the book of Daniel, but in the acceptance of the Saviour who lived and gave Himself for our sins on the Cross, and rose again, to bring us back to God.

Center Terrace
Revival May 6-13
A Revival Meeting at Center Terrace Church, Canton, is scheduled to begin Monday night, May 7 and continue through Sunday night, May 13. Services will be conducted daily at 9:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.
Dr. Lewis E. Rhodes, pastor of the Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, will be the preacher and C. Roland Boyd of Walterboro, South Carolina will direct the music.
Rev. Solie I. Smith is pastor.

CONCORD (YAZOO) HAS YOUTH WEEK



Shown above is Rev. Johnny Lee Taylor, pastor, left, presenting James Bradshaw, youth pastor, with the key to church leadership, beginning youth week, April 1-6, in Concord Church, Yazoo Association.

Rev. Jimmy Smith was the evangelist for the week. Miss Fayenelle Hilton was the pianist, and the pastor led the singing. There were eight decisions of rededication during the week.

Serving with James Bradshaw as youth officers were Miss Martha Eunice Kirk as Training Union Director and Herbie Kirk as Sunday School Superintendent. This is the second annual youth week at Concord.

N. Greenwood Observes First Youth Week



Shown above is a few of the young people who served in places of leadership during the first Youth Week held at the North Greenwood Church, Greenwood. Seated left to right they are:

Bottom row: Harold Tucker, George Flowers, Jr., Grady Perkins, Jr., Tommy Garrett, Don Light, Mrs. M. M. Billings (adult advisor), Ann Arnold.

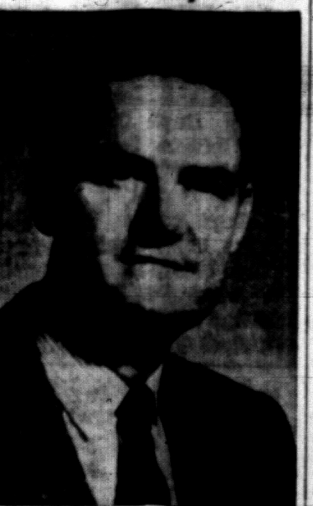
Second row: Bobby Beville, Bob Bunch, S. R. Evans, Jr., Jerry Ingram, Ann Hardin, Carolyn Raspberry.

Top Row: Dewy Sanford, Janice Light, Rev. W. G. Watson, pastor.

VBS NOTICE

All Vacation Bible School Superintendents are asked to mail at the close of the school a card to the Sunday School department showing the enrollment and the amount of the offering. These reports will be published at the end of each month. The style will be the same as the Sunday school attendance which now appear regularly in the Baptist Record.

New Seminary Head



Dr. Victor T. Glass, professor and dean of American Baptist Seminary, Nashville, will become head of the school on June 1, succeeding Dr. Ralph W. Riley, who will resign on above date. He will become first white president of this school for Negroes, which is supported by National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. (Negro) and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Harmony Progresses
Mrs. Broun Lee Bruce of Cruger writes that Harmony Church in Carroll County is enjoying remarkable progress. The church has recently begun full-time services. Mrs. Bruce says that the pastor, Rev. Glynn Wiggins, is especially good at working with young people.

Woman's Missionary Union

President—MISS ALMARINE BROWN, Jackson
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Young People's Secretary—MISS NELL TAYLOR

WMU SPECIAL DAY

May 7, 1956

Theme: LOVE EXCELLING

An excellent program has been prepared and mailed to the organizations. Information will be gained concerning each of the objectives included in the offering. We rejoice that five more Mississippians were appointed recently by the Foreign Mission Board:

Mrs. Cecile Price Alexander Jr. (Mark) for Argentina
Dewey Merritt for Nigeria
Mrs. Dewey Merritt (Betty Cooper) for Nigeria
Lolette Dotson (graduate of Blue Mountain College) for Nigeria
Mrs. Charles Martin (Ann Crittendon) for Japan

You will find out, in the program for WMU Special Day, how you can help these young people.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ALWAYS ANSWERED

(Gilbert Press, Inc., distributed by Julian Messner, Inc., 8 W. 40th St., New York 18, New York, \$2.95) contains 25 amazing life stories—ALL REAL—testifying to the wondrous truth of the title. The author, Alexander Lake, grew up in South Africa, the son of missionary parents. Hearing the prayers of his father and other Christian leaders, and knowing that they were answered, Mr. Lake began early in life to collect stories of answered prayer. From his lifelong collection he has selected these 25 which to him are most outstanding. Order from the Baptist Book Store or the publisher.

LEE COUNTY COMMUNITY MISSIONS

A Christian Institute for colored women was held April 2-6 at Springhill Baptist Church, Tupelo, with an enrollment of 95 and an average attendance of 61 with 16 Negro pastors attending.

More than sixty members of Lee County WMU were actively enlisted as teachers and helpers in this Institute. The school lasted from Monday through Friday, 1:30 to 4:30 P.M. each day.

This was the third consecutive year for this work but the Lord blessed in an unusual way this year. All who attended and helped were conscious of the very presence and blessing of the Lord. One of the outstanding features was that practically all of the Negro women who attended were leaders and teachers in their own churches and associations.

The theme for the week was

The Record Reviews For The Reader . . .

For the first time in book form, WHEN I DIE considers the whole subject of death as a natural process to be faced intelligently and practically. It is written in informal style, as letters between a father and a son, in which they discuss a great variety of topics such as advance preparations, mortality, the will, immortality, burial, cremation, funeral services, signs of death, the church, attitudes of dying, in a sensitive and sensible manner. Level-headed and serene, never morbid, the author, Otto Gruber, a Presbyterian minister, throws light on things that have been hitherto treated almost as if they were taboo. Order from the Baptist Book Store or from Vantage Press, Inc., 120 W. 31 Street, New York 1, New York, for \$2.

ANIMATED OBJECT TALKS

(Fleming H. Revell Co., Westwood, New Jersey, \$2) is by Clyde Foushee, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina. Catching and keeping the interest of church youth in their growing years is a rare art which the author has mastered well. These forty object sermons were selected by the author after he had tested them in his own church. These talks are keyed to youthful minds and illustrated with easily obtainable objects: a Bible and toothbrush, a jar of applesauce, an old teddy bear. Topic titles are lively: "Keep Your Lenses Clean," "Talking Through Your Hat," "Big Bugs," "Applesauce"—which be helpful in promoting the programs. Order this wealth of material for communicating to young people the benefits of right thinking and living from the Baptist Book Store or the publisher.

In TEACHING FOR RESULTS

(Broadman Press, Nashville, Tennessee, \$3) Dr. Fildley B. Edge stresses the importance of definite teaching goals, particularly the conduct goal. Christian teaching cannot be complete without Christian action. Arguing that the approach to this must come about by a clear understanding of pupil needs the author sets up some basic principles to guide the teacher and gives illustrations and examples of each. Purposeful Bible study and securing "carry-over" from class to actual life through life-centered lesson plans are emphasized. A chapter on methods of testing shows how to determine the effectiveness of teaching techniques. Dr. Edge, a native of Albany, Georgia, is now professor of religious education at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. Order from the Baptist Book Store.

"Stewardship" and a chapter from the book, *The Larger Stewardship*, by Charles A. Cook was taught each day. The Negro pastors were taught by Rev. Frank Roblin, dean of the Negro Tupelo Baptist Seminary, using the book, *The Sacred Tenth*, by Henry Lapsdell.

The highlight of the week was on Friday when we gave opportunity for questions to be asked and then testimonies from the Negro women. Their questions and discussions revealed they had obtained much help from the institute and their testimonies were inspiring beyond words.

The featured speaker on the closing day was Mrs. Irving Parkes who gave a wonderful message on Stewardship.

We thank the women of the churches of Lee County, WMU for their wonderful support and co-operation. Truly we can all say—"The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

The program included: Monday—A Steward; Tuesday—Stewardship of our Time; Wednesday—Stewardship of our Talent; Thursday—Stewardship of our Possessions; Friday—Stewardship—All-inclusive. These were the subjects taught in the class period each day. Mrs. Frank Roblin, Community Missions Chairman, Lee County

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Sparks & Splinters

Dr. Hiram Barefoot of Crowley, La., will be the evangelist for the revival at Montrose church May 20-27. Rev. Damon Vaughn is pastor.

Rev. Bob Marsh, pastor of the Steen's Creek Church, is this week conducting a revival at the Thompsonville Road Church, Tallahassee, Fla. The Tallahassee Church is in a \$150,000 building program. The revival meeting began Sunday, April 29.

THE MOUNTAINEER, Blue Mountain College yearbook, was dedicated to Miss Kay Cawood, Directress of the Speech Department and Miss Mildred Mullikin, her associate.

A recent bulletin from Alfred Carpenter, Director of the Chaplains Commission of the Home Mission Board, states that Kenneth L. Sellers will be available for a pastorate or for mission work on May 15. He received his A. B. degree from Mercer University and his B. D. from Southwestern Seminary. He has served as associational missionary in Houston, Georgia one year and as pastor in Texas for five years. He has served as Chaplain in the Army since 1953, with two and one-half years overseas service. He is married and the father of two children. Mr. Carpenter commends the young man highly. Until May 15 his address is Office of the Chaplain, Ft. Hamilton, N. Y. His home address is c/o L. B. Cook, Pearsall, Texas.

The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the sixty-second annual session of the Lebanon Association which was held with the Petal-Harvey Church on October 11, 1955. The next meeting is to be held at Immanuel Church, Hattiesburg on October 16. The minutes are attractively prepared and printed.

Southern Baptists in the San Diego, Calif., area made news recently with the opening, on a single Sunday, of three churches and three missions. The new churches are First Church of Johnstown, Coronado Church, and First Church of Cabrillo Heights. Each was organized from an already-existing mission.

Hinds County's newest church, Oak Forest, will hold its first service Sunday afternoon, May 6.

Alf Rose "Gospel Magician" of Vicksburg, writes us that due to a change of hours in his employment, he is now in a position to accept invitations to speak on Wednesday and Saturday nights. Many of his friends will regret that such invitations have been previously declined.

Pastor S. W. Valentine, of Southside Church in Jackson will be the evangelist for the church's revival set for May 2-20. The services will be held in a tent erected on the church's new location at 1616 Ellis Avenue.

A consecrated young man who has dedicated his life to full-time Christian service would like to have the opportunity to serve some church this summer as director of youth activities and help with music. Churches interested please contact the acting editor.

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A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM
Wallace Bassett, Pastor
Cliff Temple Baptist Church
Dallas, Texas

A generation ago a great preacher in Scotland said, "When you put your hand on the head of a little child, you put your hand on the heart of the parents." Great world leaders have learned this secret and use it to good advantage. They know that potentialities mean more than actualities. They go on the theory that the future is more important than the immediate present. So we see Hitler, the Russian leaders, and others with hateful ideologies give major attention to babies. After all, babies are the most important people in the world because they will live longer than others who are older. Furthermore, they are more susceptible to influence at an early age.



Dr. John M. Lewis, (shown above) pastor of the Montrose Church, Richmond, Va., has been elected assistant professor of Christian theology at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Dr. Lewis is a native of Miami, Fla., and a graduate of Stetson University and Southern Seminary. He has been pastor of the Montrose Church since 1952.

On a recent Sunday, four missions organized themselves into Southern Baptist churches affiliated with the Illinois state association, setting a record for Illinois Baptist work.

Evangelist Eddie Martin will lead the Jackson County Evangelistic Crusade set for May 13 in the War Memorial Stadium.

The Spring revival at Parkway Church, Jackson closed April 29. There were 46 additions, 38 of them for baptism. There were also three decisions for full time Christian service. Dr. G. Norman Price is pastor. The evangelist was Dr. Leo Eddleman, president of Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky.

Hermanville Church has installed a baptistry and will unveil the painting on May 6. This painting is being given to the church by Mrs. Mary Higdon in memory of her sisters.

Dr. E. N. Patterson, professor of Homiletics, New Orleans Seminary, preached during a stewardship revival at Morgan-town Church, Union Association, last week.

The First Baptist Church in Key West, southernmost city in the United States, has been completely destroyed by fire. The building was 67 years old, built in 1889.

Rev. Dan Cameron, Union City, Tenn., was the evangelist and George Van Eghmond, Moss Point, the music director during the revival last week at First Church, Port Gibson.

Ground breaking services for the new educational annex were held Sunday afternoon at the Forest Church, Rev. J. P. Brantly, pastor.

Rev. C. W. Thompson, pastor First Church, Ellisville, will do the preaching for the revival at Stonewall Church, May 6-11. Rev. W. H. Ross is pastor.

The Bethel Church in Newton Association held its Spring revival April 22-27. Rev. Guy Henderson, pastor of the Immanuel Church in Biloxi was the visiting preacher. Rev. Woodrow Stephens, a student at Clarke College, was the song leader. Rev. Charles Everitt serves this church as half time pastor in connection with the Newton Associational Mission work. There were four additions by profession of faith and two rededications.

Calvary, Yazoo City Add 24 In Revival

Calvary Church, Yazoo City, has just closed one of the greatest revivals in its ten years of history. Many members rededicated their lives.

There were twenty-four additions to the church, twenty coming by baptism. Twelve of these came on the last night of the service.

Rev. Solie I. Smith of Center Terrace Church, Canton, did the preaching during the eight-day meeting.

Lawrence Martin, member of Calvary, led the singing. Miss Darleen Renick, student at William Carey College, and director of music for the Calvary Church, was the pianist.

Rev. L. Carlos Radford is pastor.

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ORPHEY R. HOXIE

The Hardy Jones Memorial Bible Class of the Sunday School of the First Church, Vicksburg, has adopted regulations expressing regret concerning the death of one of the oldest and most respected members of the class, Orphey R. Hoxie, on April 9. Mr. Hoxie had spent 30 years in the service of the class.

The Bible Class expresses to the members of this good man's family that "it will always remember his many fine acts of Christian leadership in the many duties that he was called on to do while serving as Chairman of the Class Flower Committee, and even though he is gone, we feel his spirit is still with us."

"Be it resolved by the entire membership of the Bible Class that we are going to miss the fellowship of our late brother because he has set the example for all of us to emulate his true Christian devotion to duty."

The resolutions were signed by Wesley R. Lominick, teacher; Henry Beard, associate teacher; Herbert L. Cadenhead, president; R. D. Anderson, vice president; R. D. Caldwell, secretary and treasurer; Kenneth B. Menger, Chairman, Flower Committee; and Ralph R. Wesels, associate teacher.

My Favorite Bible Verse

I. By Mrs. Flora McCaffrey, Bogue Chitto

"And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with songs of everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy, and gladness and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." Isaiah 35:10.

II. By Mrs. R. V. Shurley, Eden
"Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed, for the Lord thy God is with thee: whither thou goest, the Lord will go with thee, and will be with thee, and will bless thee, and will bring thee prosperously." Joshua 1:9.

III. By Mrs. W. W. Hall, Brookhaven

"O Lord, God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee. Let my prayer come before thee; incline thine ear unto my cry." Psalm 88:1, 2.

IV. By Mrs. I. V. Lofton, Brookhaven
"O, praise the Lord, all ye nations, praise him all ye people. His merciful kindness is great towards us: and the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Praise ye the Lord." Psalm 117.

V. By Miss Charlene Clark, Mt. Pleasant
"I can of mine own self do nothing; as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me." John 5:30.

Roll as babies. To place a baby on the Cradle Roll pays a dual dividend — first, it wins the appreciation of the parents; and second, it gives the little one the right start.

PRIMARY SPACE NEEDS
To guide churches planning their educational buildings, the Sunday School, Training Union, and Church Architecture departments of the Sunday School Board have prepared the following joint statement on space allocation.

"Ample floor space for Primary children is needed. It is suggested that each church provide from 16 square feet to 25 square feet of floor space for each child. It is desirable to provide 25 square feet of floor space for each child. "It is observed that a department room for each age group, even though the enrollment of each department would be less than 30, is suggested. If there are more than 30 children, two or more department rooms should be provided. The open department room is preferred."

Baptist Student Union

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Pictured above are Roy H. Roby, left, of Yazoo City, and Bill Walley, Mobile, Ala., both of Miss. College who have volunteered for Youthful Revival work in Mississippi this summer. Roy is recommended by Dr. W. C. Fields, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Yazoo City; by Rev. L. Carlos Radford, Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Yazoo City, and by Mr. Frank Horton, BSU Director for Miss. Col.

THE RETREAT

Some have told us the recent Retreat for Officers in Ellenville's First Baptist Church was the best yet. Be that as it may, appreciation is due many for their letting the Lord use them to bless us all — Roy Isbell, Jo Eddie Caldwell, John Hester, the Program Committee; David Samsing, our very excellent outgoing State President; Bill Saito, Betty Sue Whittington, Shirley Ruth Meek, Miss Iris Deane Starkey, the State Choir, the Miss. Southern Choir, Ronald and Sally Takemori, et al., for the music; the Ellenville people and pastor, Brother Charlie Thompson; Mr. J. B. Young and the folks of Jones Jr. College; Nell Magee and the Jones Jr. BSUs; all the local Directors, Faculty Advisers, Pastors and students who attended and helped, and Dr. Kearnie Keegan, Mrs. Frank Leavell, Dr. W. C. Tyler, Mr. Art Driscoll, Rev. Fred McCauley, Mr. Kermit King, Miss Margaret Bruce, Rev. Joel Ray, Rev. John Shepherd, et al. who participated in the program.

We believe the Retreat has given us all the spiritual impetus we need to do a greater work for Christ on our campuses and throughout the State.

RIDGECREST'S A-COMING

In a few weeks, June 7-13 to be exact, Student Week at Ridgcrest, Land of the Sky, North Carolina, will begin. Registration fees (\$2.50 each, including life insurance going and coming) may be sent into our office any time between now and May 28, the deadline. A list of spaces available has been sent to each local director or other adult worker. If further information is needed, let us know. Miss. has 200 spaces. Let's fill them. At least four buses, apparently, are going from Miss. Program personalities include Frank Laubach, Brooks Hays, Chester Swor, Roy McClain, George Schweitzer, Stewart Newman, H. Guy Moore.

College pastors, high school seniors, how about joining your college student friends for this, the most significant student meeting in America for this summer?

ment room is preferred."

IT PAYS TO ORGANIZE NURSERY DEPARTMENTS

According to Rev. Grady Smith, Associational Missionary of Smith County, the Beulah Church has recently organized a Nursery department. On the first Sunday there were two babies present, the second Sunday four babies and the third seven babies. So you see, it will help to increase your Sunday school enrollment and attendance to provide for the babies. Each of these babies brought one parent with them and probably two or other departments in the Sunday school profited by this new provision.

NEW CHURCH IN UNION

Missionary W. B. Boatner, of Union Association, informs us that a new church has been organized from a Mission near Kingston in Adams county.

The name of this new church is Cliff Temple, and the Sunday school superintendent is Ernest Hill.

This means more people reached for gospel preaching, Bible teaching and all the other

lege. Mr. Horton also recommends Bill Walley as does Dr. James H. Wright, Jr., Pastor of Toulminville Baptist Church, Mobile.

Both of these young men want to preach. It is our hope and prayer that our Mississippi Baptist pastors and churches will keep them, and the others who have qualified with our Department, busy witnessing for Christ during the summer months.

Miscellaneous

Word has been received that our four Student Summer Missionaries in the West, viz: Barbara Carpenter, Wm. Carey, Phyllis Clark, Blue Mtn.; Julius Collum, Ole Miss, and Tommy Hudson, Miss. College, are to serve in Oregon. Have you your BSU given on the \$3,000 goal? We need almost \$1400.

Ridgcrest slides are available from our office, free, first come, first served.

Remember Christian Home Week, May 6-13. Most significant emphasis.

Holmes Jr. reports 40 unsaved.

Meeting at Immanuel Church, Hattiesburg, across from Wm. Carey campus, resulted in 76 rededications, 21 for vocational Christian service, 17 conversions.

Ola Mae Vanslyke, Miss. Southern, and Joe Cobb, Itawamba Jr., were the two who made public, at our recent Retreat for Officers, their belief that God has called them to missionary service. They need our prayerful interest.

Retreat registration indicates more than 300 in attendance. Surely we are grateful to our outgoing State Greater Council for the work for Christ they've done. We congratulate our new officers — Don Stewart, Wm. Carey, President; Therrell Valentine, Miss. State, Enlistment Chairman; Mary Liz Collums, Blue Mtn., Social Chairman; Quay Hardy, Belhaven, Devotional Chairman; Geraldine Smith, Co. Lin., Secretary; Jesse White, Delta State, Faculty Advisor; Nell Magee, Jones Jr., Director Representative, and D. C. Applegate, Starkville, Pastor Advisor.

We join with many in great appreciation for our Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Chester Quarles, upon his sixth anniversary. God has greatly used Dr. Quarles among us.

Some are using the slides taken of last year's Student Retreat, Ridgcrest, by Miss. Southern BSU Director Louie Farmer. May be booked free.

Southwest Jr., where Elois Coward is BSU Director, has 104 volumes in its BSU Library. One from Jones Jr., where Nell Magee is BSU Director, joined a local church in recent days.

Verley Smith, of Richmond, Va., is Baptist Hospital's new BSU President.

Former Miss. BSU President, T. C. Clark, Jr., is Assistant Provost of Teachers College of Columbia University. We appreciate his and others kind comments about our tenth anniversary.

good things that are done in a Baptist church. We are glad for those people.

CHRISTIAN HOME WEEK

Next week, May 6-13, is Christian Home Week.

This is a regular part of the program of Southern Baptists each year, and the purpose is to give added emphasis to the important business of help in establishing Christian homes and to strengthening those already Christian.

The proper observance of this special week can be of much value to many homes.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK AT KITTIWAKE ASSEMBLY
August 27-31 is Sunday

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

April 29, 1956

Center Hill (Desoto)	43
Jackson, Daniel Memorial	802 353
Flowood	104 70
Pearl (Rankin)	215 87
Jackson, Northside	698 212
Jackson, Broadmoor	555 224
Jackson, West	410 181
Jackson, Robinson St.	338 114
Jackson, Van Winkle	730 357
Jackson, Hillcrest	272 139
Jackson, Crestwood	728 399
Hattiesburg, 38th Ave.	231 163
Hattiesburg, Main St.	1072 495
Laurel, First	658 187
Edwards	86 36
Jackson, Southside	336 177
Byram	224 147
Jackson, Highland	155 81
Richland (Rankin)	230 99
Jackson, Calvary	1558 448
Main	1506 412
Mission	52 36
Jackson, Parkway	1104 544
Clinton	689 336
Canton, Center Terrace	315 143
Jackson, First Church	1404 501
Fair River (Lincoln)	104 64
Fellowship (Choctaw)	89 64
Starkville, First	774 340
Anguilla	82 55
Hattiesburg, First	655 228
McComb, Locust Street	136 67
Columbia, First	843 275
Main	788 248
South Columbia	55 27
Moak's Creek (Lincoln)	143 60
Tupelo, Harrisburg	635 220
Cleveland, First	513 121
Main	451
Chinese Mission	62
Biloxi, East Howard	310 144
Main	269
Mission	41
Petal, New Richton Road	22 15
Mt. Pleasant (Holmes)	29 34
Clarksdale, Riverside	230 96
Murphy Creek (Winston)	150 89
Providence (Lebanon)	207 92
Eastside (Rankin)	122 46
Gulfport, First	983 296
Shiloh (Alcorn)	71 43
New Prospect (Desoto)	97 98
Glenfield (Union Co.)	92 75
Olive Branch	186 60
Long Beach, First	281 91
Mt. Zion (Lincoln)	141 64
Morton, Northside	30 76
Calvary (Alcorn)	114 68
Crystal Springs, First	690 240
Ruth	82 77
Soso, First	197 113
Picayune, First	667 219
Beulah (Holmes)	58 57
Itta Bena, First	247 96
Ruleville	325 126
Greenwood, North	363 108
Concord (Choctaw)	85 70
Riply, First	341 132
Union, First	338 120
Charleston, First	360 139
Calhoun City, First	319 135
Morton, First	308 172
First	268 118
East Mission	37 54
Brookhaven, Central	132 58
Bruce, First	32 121
Laurel, Highland	271 119
Longview (Oktibbeha)	136 86
Cleveland, Immanuel	178 129
Hernando	190 69
Vicksburg, First	569 188
Crowder	219 140
Brookhaven, First	944 282
Main	826 203
Southway	96 55
Hubert Heights	22 24
Mississippi City	128 56
Broadmoor, Gulfport	237 67
Batesville, First	484 196
Natchez, Calvary	105
Kosciusko, First	771 240
Main	741
Maple Mission	30
Canton, Center Terrace	315 140

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Puzzle Answer

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Collins	172 73
Petal-Harvey	416 198
Main	360 149
Harvey	56 49
New Sight (Lincoln)	157 68
McComb, Friendship	232 103
Main	186 81
Mission	46 22
Jackson, Midway	175 87
Briar Hill (Rankin)	75 38
Pascagoula, First	748 278
Main	674 213
Orange Grove Chapel	43 39
McArthur Chapel	31 26
Louisville:	
East	87 65
First	527 131
South	56 19
West End	113 82
Magee, First	415 106
Sharon, First (Jones)	143 70
Bethlehem (Jones)	144 100
Dixie (Lebanon)	180 94
Booneville, First	324 107
Meridian:	
First	882 191
Fifteenth Avenue	570 253
Highland	543 190
Forty-First Avenue	359 125
Oakland Heights	289 123
Eastview	205 105
Emmanuel	40 23
Grandview Chapel	29 30
State Boulevard	269 109
South Side	480 201

April 22, 1956

Puckett (Rankin)	84 44
Clarksdale, Riverside	275 95
Cleveland, First	525 155
Main	478
Chinese Mission	47
Mississippi City	114 69
Tupelo, Harrisburg	616 226
Morton, North Side	48 63
Collins	171 91
Louisville:	
East	89 50
First	450 138
South	32 23
West End	110 92

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Yazoo City Couple Has 2-Year Record Perfect Attendance



Calvary Church, Yazoo City, is proud of the excellent record of one of its member families — Mr. and Mrs. George A. Moore, (shown above). They have an unbroken record of perfect attendance in the Calvary Church for two full years. The Moores have not missed a service of any kind in the church for the past two years, including all worship services, prayer meetings, study courses, revivals, and dozens of committee and Associational meetings!

Mr. Moore is a deacon, treasurer of the church, teacher in Sunday school, leader in Training Union, active in the Brotherhood, and serves on various committees.

Mrs. Moore is a teacher, a leader in Training Union, active

MRS. MARY ANNE HARKINS EDMONDSON

Mrs. Mary Anne Harkins Edmondson was born August 17, 1939 and died 16 years later on April 27, 1955, after an illness of only 26 hours.

Her aunt, Mrs. Charley Gilliland, sends the following obituary in memory of Mary Anne a year after her death.

Mary Anne attended school at Pheba. She was a popular member of her class and active in school activities.

She was a member of the Pheba Methodist church. (All her family were Baptists). She and William C. Edmondson were married on December 7, 1954.

Survivors are: her husband; William Bryan Harkins, her father; Mrs. Bessie May Aiken Harkins, her mother; William Robert Harkins, her brother; Mrs. Willie Ellis Aiken, a grandmother; James Robert Aiken, uncle; Mrs. Marie Harkins Cole, Mrs. Carrie Harkins Sizemore, and Mrs. Lueille Harkins Gilliland, aunts.

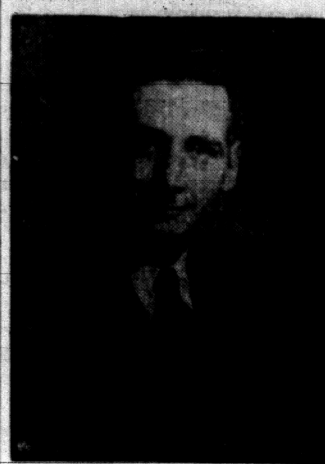
The girls of her class served as the flower committee. The boys of her class were pallbearers. Mrs. L. O. Cummings and Omnis Wells were in charge of the music. Rev. G. C. Samsing and Rev. E. A. Spencer

in W.M.U., and active on committees.

The Moores are also tithers. They are staunch supporters of the church and the pastor. They are active in the church's visitation program. They are good soulwinners.

Rev. L. C. Radford is pastor.

Petal, Temple, Church Calls New Pastor



Rev. Justus L. Garrett

Rev. Justus L. Garrett has accepted the call to the pastorate of Petal, Temple Church. He moved to the church field May 1.

For the past two years he has served as educational director and assistant pastor of First Church, Petal, and also is serving as Lebanon Association Sunday School Superintendent.

Mr. Garrett is from Dothan, Alabama, and is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and Southern Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky.

He is married and has three children.

conducted funeral services at the Hebron Baptist Church, April 28, 1955.

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BSSB)

—If you think of Spain only in terms of the inquisition or of General Franco, you are in for a surprise when you read Religious Freedom in Spain, a recent Broadman Press release. Written by John David Hughes, Jr., professor of practical theology at the Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, much of the book deals with the establishment and practice of religious freedom or toleration in Spain. It shows that religious persecution is not the key to the political or economic destiny of Spain. It begins with the origin of Catholic unity in the fifteenth century and closes with the account of Spain's return to Catholic unity under General Franco and Cardinal Segura during the last fifteen years. The author, a native of South Carolina, was appointed to the Seminary faculty in 1952. He has made intensive study of Spanish history and after a four-year residence in Spain while a representative of the Foreign Mission Board in 1947-1951, he writes with authority and objectivity. This book has been printed by the Carey Kingsgate Press in London and was released under their imprint during the Baptist World Alliance in July. It is being released in the United States and Canada by Broadman Press. The price is \$3.00.

Stewardship is the recognition of God's claim upon both your purse and your person.

50, 40 and 25 Years Ago

J. L. Boyd Sr.

50 Years Ago

Elder N. L. Clark, aged 95, while on a visit in home of Dr. E. B. Poole in Clinton, delivered "a wise and helpful address to the students of Mississippi." He had been preaching for more than 50 years in east Mississippi, and Clarke Memorial College, Newton, was named for him when established in 1907.

The Greenwood Church closed a good meeting of days in which Pastor W. M. Burr was assisted by former pastor, Rev. J. B. Lawrence of Humboldt, Tenn., resulting in five additions, two of them for baptism.

The New Hebron Church, Lawrence County, enters into their new house of worship which, "including a bell," cost \$2,200. Rev. Richmond Drummond, pastor. In August, 1907, the church was organized with fifteen local Baptists and twenty coming in from the Old Hebron Church to constitute the charter members.

40 Years Ago

The Brookhaven First church, closed a great revival meeting with seventy additions, 42 for baptism, in which Pastor W. H. Morgan was assisted by Rev. Harry Leland Martin of Indianapolis as preacher.

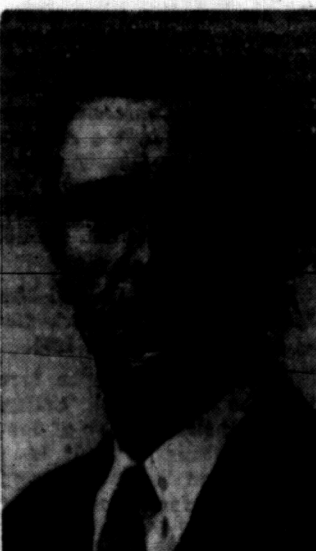
There were thirty-one accessions to the Shubuta Church, 22 by baptism, during a revival meeting in which Pastor O. P. Estes was assisted by Rev. J. D. Franks of Durant.

25 Years Ago

The Wiggins Church received into its membership forty-eight persons, 38 of them for baptism, Pastor Richard Campbell, reporting.

Pastor W. R. Cooper reports on the annual revival of the Drew Church during which Dr. W. T. Lowrey did the preaching, "some fifteen" being added to the membership.

Hathorn Welcomes New Pastor, Family; Plans Revival



Rev. Athens McNeil

Rev. Athens McNeil, the new pastor at Hathorn Church, and his family were recently welcomed to their new field of work with a pantry shower, given at the pastorium when they moved in.

Before the McNeils moved the floors of the pastorium had been refinished and a double fireplace had been built. (The four-year-old pastor's home is valued at \$10,000. Both this home and the church's new Sunday School rooms are now debt free.)

Mr. McNeil was formerly pastor of the Irene Chapel Church, Hattiesburg. He has served pastorates at the Culvert Street Church, Whistler, Alabama, and Union Junior Church near Collins.

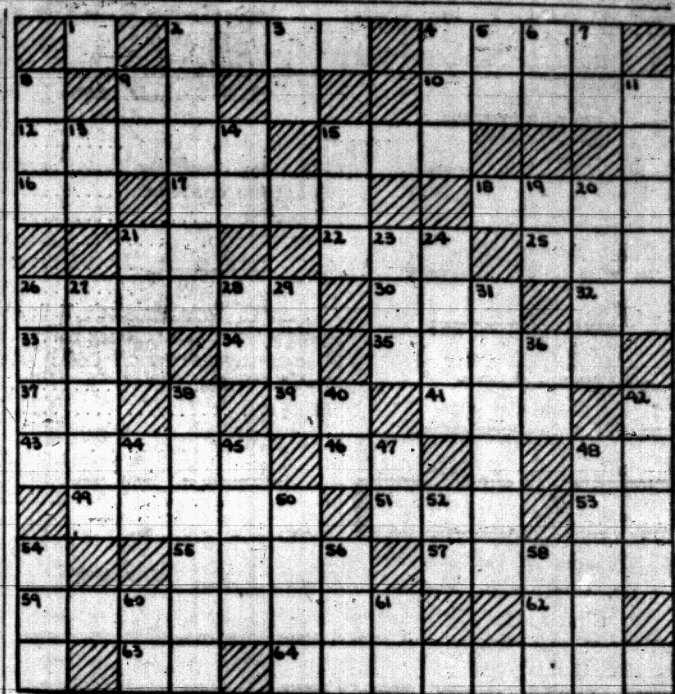
A native of Tennessee, Mr. McNeil attended Clarke College, William Carey College and New Orleans Seminary. He served in the Navy for four years.

The young people are in charge of the revival to begin at the church on May 13, with services each night at 7:30. The pastor will do the preaching. The weekend closing the revival will be Youth Weekend.

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to turn all we possess into the channels of universal love becomes the business of our lives.

—John Woolman



Matthew 13
Our text is 1, 2, 4, 34-35, 63 and 64 combined.

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Personal pronoun</p> <p>2 Auxiliary verb</p> <p>4 Unclose</p> <p>9 Third tone in the scale</p> <p>10 "it giveth . . . unto all" Math. 5:15</p> <p>12 "pearl of great . . ." :46</p> <p>15 "like unto treasure . . . in a field" :44</p> <p>16 and 11 down "Have . . . understood all these . . ." :51</p> <p>17 "and gathered of every . . ." :47</p> <p>18 A district in the hill-country of Judah Judg. 15:9</p> <p>21 Electrical Engineer (abbr.)</p> <p>22 Droop</p> <p>25 "like unto a . . . that is an householder" :52</p> <p>26 "Neither do men light a . . ." Matt. 5:15</p> <p>30 Steal from</p> <p>32 Type genus (abbr.)</p> <p>33 "drew to shore, . . . sat down" :48</p> <p>34 Belonging to me</p> <p>35 Part of the face</p> <p>37 Surgeon General (abbr.)</p> <p>39 Each (abbr.)</p> <p>41 Coloring substance</p> <p>43 "wailing and gnashing of . . ." :50</p> <p>46 "sold all that he had, and bought . . ." :46</p> <p>48 West Indies (abbr.)</p> <p>49 Alleys</p> <p>51 "and . . . it under a bushel" Matt. 5:15</p> <p>53 "under a bushel, . . . under a bed" Mark 4:21</p> <p>55 Grandson of Adam Gen. 4:26</p> <p>57 "when it was full, they drew to . . ." :48</p> <p>59 "bringeth forth out of his . . ." :52</p> <p>62 "every scribe which . . . instructed" :52</p> <p>63 "all that are . . . the house" Matt. 5:15</p> <p>64 "when Jesus had finished these . . ." :53</p> | <p>DOWN</p> <p>2 "and sever the . . . from among the just" :49</p> <p>3 Behold</p> <p>4 "things new and . . ." :52</p> <p>5 3.1416</p> <p>6 Egypt (abbr.)</p> <p>7 New England State (abbr.)</p> <p>8 Watch secretly</p> <p>9 Same as 9 across</p> <p>11 See 16 across</p> <p>13 Second tone in the scale</p> <p>14 East Indies (abbr.)</p> <p>15 Heads (abbr.)</p> <p>19 Printers' measure</p> <p>20 "seleth all that he . . ." :44</p> <p>21 "So shall it be at the . . . of the world" :49</p> <p>23 Part of the body</p> <p>24 "gathered the . . . into vessels" :48</p> <p>26 "net, that was . . . into the sea" :47</p> <p>27 "the . . . shall come forth" :49</p> <p>28 Long meter (abbr.)</p> <p>29 "The light of the body is the . . ." Luke 11:34</p> <p>31 "and . . . that field" :44</p> <p>36 Tellurium (abbr.)</p> <p>38 Pertaining to Etna</p> <p>40 Royal city of the Canaanites Josh. 8:1</p> <p>42 "cast them into the furnace of . . ." :50</p> <p>44 Each (abbr.)</p> <p>45 Barnyard fowls</p> <p>47 Township (abbr.)</p> <p>48 Not as good</p> <p>50 Well-seasoned broth</p> <p>52 You and me</p> <p>54 Dined</p> <p>56 Senora (abbr.)</p> <p>58 Liquid substance</p> <p>60 Same as 14 down</p> <p>61 Ancestor of Jesus Luke 3:23</p> |
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Hear The Baptist Hour
Sermon topics on the Baptist Hour during May include: "Heart Religion"; "What Shall I Do Then With Jesus?"; "How God Guides Us"; and "Lighting a Candle or Cursing the Darkness?"

Stations in Mississippi carrying the program each Sunday are:

Canton, WDOE — 5:00 PM;
Centerville, WGLC — 1:30 PM;
Columbia, WCJU — 2:00 PM;
Columbus, WACB — 2:30 PM;
Greenwood, WABC — 7:25 PM;
Thurs.; Greenville, WJPR — 8:00 AM;
Greenville, WNAG — 8:30 AM;
Mon.; Hattiesburg, WFOE — 7:30 AM;
Macon, WMBC — 2:30 PM;
McComb, WAFB — 9:00 AM;
Meridian, WCOE — 4:05 PM;
Pascagoula, WPMF — 3:00 PM;
Piquette, WRJW — 1:00 PM;
Tupelo, WELF — 8:30 AM;
Sat.; Waynesboro, WABO — 4:00 PM;
and Cleveland, WCLE — 4:30 PM.

COWART CHURCH HAS YOUTH WEEK

The Cowart Church, Tallahatchie Association, has just completed Youth Week. The youth of the Church participated 100 per cent in taking over every responsibility of the Sunday School offices, Training Union offices, and all offices of the church.

Walter Tucker and Billy Champion were the acting pastors of the week, each bringing a message at church and prayer meeting services.

At the Sunday morning service four of the youths gave testimonies on tithing, Bible reading, prayer, and daily Christian living. A total of twenty eight young people took part in Youth Week.

One young lady rededicated her life to Christ and another young lady surrendered to full-time Christian service.

Rev. T. C. Pinson is pastor.

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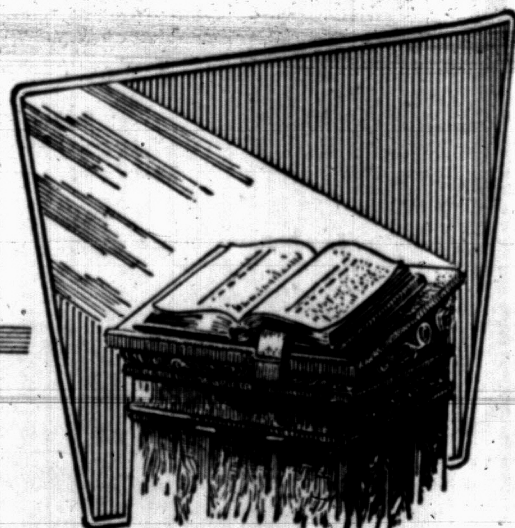
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Dr. Charles L. McKay In Immanuel Revival



Dr. Charles L. McKay

Dr. Charles L. McKay, Secretary of Enlargement and Promotion, Sunday School Department, Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tennessee will be the guest evangelist for the spring revival in Immanuel Church, Cleveland, Sunday, May 6, through Sunday, May 13. He will speak at two services each day, 7 A.M. and 8 P.M.

The music for the special services will be led by guest musician, Rev. Charlie Melton of Belen, pastor of West Marks Church.

Dr. McKay is a former pastor of First Church, Pascagoula.

This revival will also serve as Immanuel's open house to the people of the area. No formal opening has been held since the church occupied its new quarters to the southwest of the Delta State College Campus. All are invited to attend the special services and tour the buildings.

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These young women at Blue Mountain have been elected president of their respective classes for 1956-57: Mary Jane Stokes, Silver Spring, Md., junior class; Beverly Smith, Rayville, La., senior class; and Betty Jo McLellan, Durant, sophomore class.

—BR—

If everybody cared enough, and everybody shared enough, for everybody there would be enough.

Missions Report From Attala County

In April of 1949 a missionary began work on the field in Attala County. The following figures are some results of the work done in this county.

	1948	1952	1955
1/4 time churches	10	6	4
1/2 time churches	14	18	16
Full time churches	5	6	10
Baptisms	235	210	181
Membership	5,542	5,953	6,074
S. S. Enrollment	2,239	3,211	3,936
T. U. Enrollment	709	1,350	1,833
W. M. U. Enrollment	489	780	641
Brotherhood Enrollment			122
Cooperative Program Gifts		\$8,429	\$19,242
Total Mission Gifts	\$11,764	\$17,018	\$28,882
Budget	3,720	5,208	5,670
	1949		

Rev. H. H. Ward is now serving as superintendent of missions on this field.

Niland Chapel Calls Rev. Paul Sullivan



Rev. Paul Sullivan

Rev. Paul Sullivan has been called as pastor of the Niland Chapel Church in Bolivar Association. He succeeds Rev. Charles Smith who resigned several months ago.

Mr. Sullivan will graduate at Clarke College at the end of the current term. He was ordained to the ministry by the Morrison Chapel Church in Bolivar Association in 1953. He has served as pastor of the Beat Line Church in Newton Association and McDonald Church in Neshoba Association while a student at Clarke College.

He plans to continue his college work after a year or two. The Niland Chapel Church was organized under the Bolivar Association Mission program in 1950 and is a fulltime church.

GOING PLACES

By Anne McWilliams

Missions need the Baptist Record as well as churches. In fact, missions that subscribe to the Baptist Record for all their families are "going places." As the members become more informed, giving will increase, interest in Baptist affairs will grow, the mission will grow, and before you know it, a church will be organized!

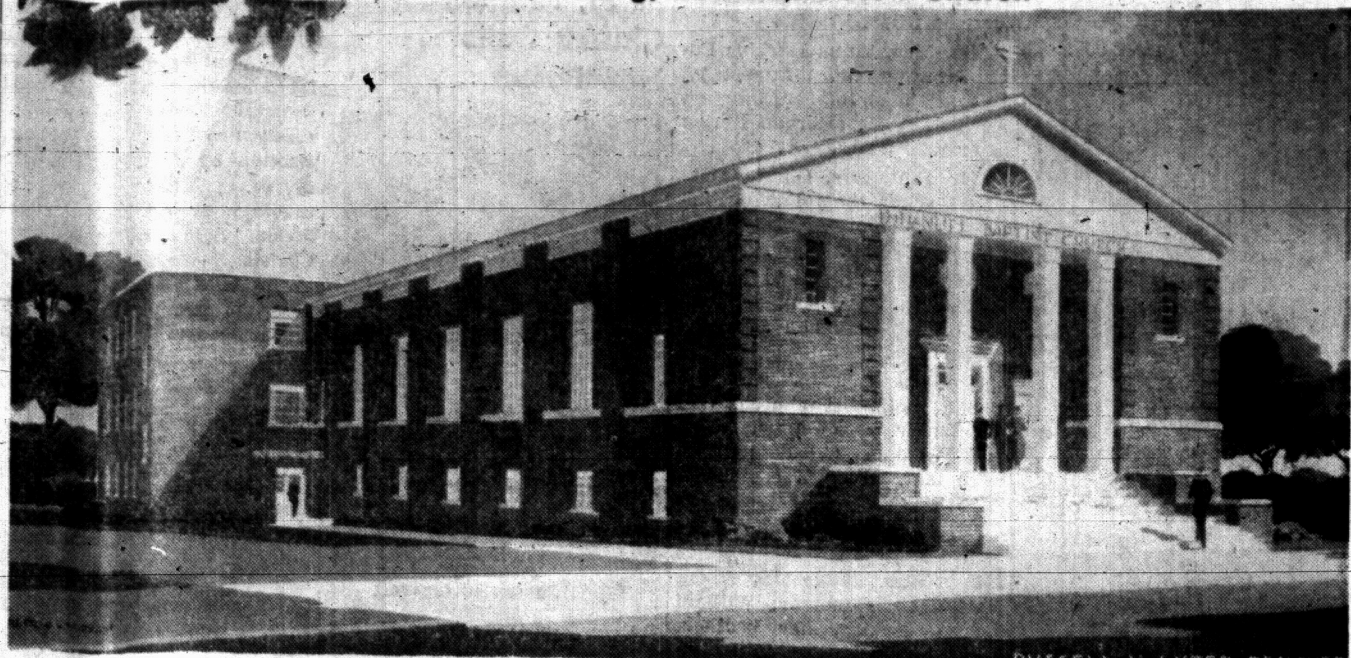
Rev. John C. Hilbun, pastor of the East Moss Point Church recently wrote: "Please find enclosed a list of the names for the Baptist Record subscriptions for the Four Mile Creek Mission of the East Moss Point Church. Bill these to the Four Mile Creek Mission."

Thirty-four families at the Four Mile Creek Mission will be keeping up with Baptist affairs in the state and nation and world through the pages of the Baptist Record. Rev. H. D. Walker is the pastor of the mission.

Record readers in Jackson County are:

BELLEFOUNTAIN, 27; EAST MOSS POINT, 195; Escatawpa, 1, Fort Bayou, 12; FRIENDSHIP, 36; GAUTIER, 54; HURLEY, 50; KREOLE, 49; MOSS POINT, 136; Meadowview, 9; OCEAN SPRINGS, 34; PASCA GOULA, FIRST, 347; PASCA GOULA, CALVARY, 167; PASCA GOULA, EAST SIDE, 37; PASCA GOULA, EASTLAWN, 131; PASCA GOULA, JACKSON AVENUE, 33; Red Creek—Union, 16; RIVERSIDE, 89; UNITY, 59; VANCELEAVE, 36; WADE, 53; FOUR MILE CREEK MISSION, 34.

Immanuel, Hattiesburg, Constructs New Church



Pictured above is the artist's drawing of the new Immanuel Church, Hattiesburg which is now under construction. The colonial style will be carried

throughout with white end pews and white furniture in combination with dark mahogany.

The building is expected to

be completed in October. Total seating capacity including choir and balcony will exceed 1000. The Sunday school plant will accommodate almost 800. Heat-

ing and air conditioning will be of the latest design.

Dr. R. Elmer Nielsen is pastor; J. Lynn Bartlow is minister of music.

New Richton Road Plans Revival



Rev. D. Webb Nix

Rev. D. Webb Nix, pastor of the Carterville Church, Lebanon Association, will be the evangelist for the revival services to be held at the New Richton Road Church, Petal, May 6-13.

Eugene James, student at William Carey College, Hattiesburg, will direct the music. Charles Beard, William Carey student, will be the pianist.

Rev. Thomas W. Gandy is the pastor.

Revival at Calvary Church in Union Association is in progress this week. Rev. H. L. Courtney, Baton Rouge is the evangelist and Rev. Franklin Haire, Meadville is directing the music.

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Booze increases business — for the hospitals, ambulance drivers, doctors, nurses, undertakers, and grave-diggers.

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Dr. Wyatt Hunter Leads Marks Revival

Dr. Wyatt Hunter, pastor of First Church, McComb, preached in the recent revival held in the First Church, Marks. Interest was stimulated by his morning sermons on "The Second Coming of Christ." The night congregations were the largest in recent years, reaching a peak on the night when he discussed "The Home."

The Song Services were directed by Leonard Metts, minister of Music at the Glarksdale Church. There were seven who transferred their letters and two who made a profession of faith. Dr. I. D. Eavenson is pastor.

McCarley Church Dedicates Building

Dedication services for the newly constructed building of the McCarley church will be held Sunday, May 6, at 11 a.m. Dr. Harry Spencer, head of the Miss. Baptist Foundation, will be the guest speaker.

The new brick structure has a seating capacity of 250, with modernistic folding doors that convert auditorium wings into four adequate Sunday School rooms. A new piano was recently added to the church equipment.

The fifty-three resident members of the church are expecting friends, relatives, and former members of the church to be present for the dedication. Dinner will be served.

Dedication of this building culminates ten years of work on the part of McCarley Baptists and their friends to replace the worn frame structure, built originally in 1908.

Rev. Ralph Atkinson is pastor.

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Alcohol cost a man not only dollars, but sense.

Immanuel, H'Burg Licenses Preacher

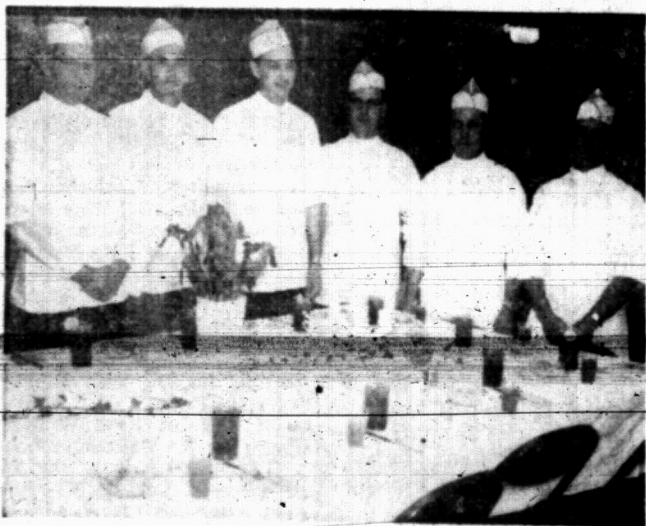
Donald Eugene Solleau, a senior at William Carey College, was licensed to preach April 25 by the Immanuel Church, Hattiesburg.

Solleau, a native of New Orleans was reared in a Catholic home. He was converted during the college campus revival in the fall of 1954. Several months ago he surrendered his life for full time service. During the recent church-college revival led by Dr. T. W. Wilson, Don made a public decision to follow God's call as a foreign missionary.

Immanuel's pastor is Dr. R. Elmer Nielsen. Dr. I.-E. Rouse made the motion and Rev. E. M. Bilbo seconded to grant the license. Dr. A. M. Tate prayed a prayer of dedication.

Don has enrolled in the Seminary at New Orleans where he will attend after graduating from Carey this spring.

There is no such thing as moderation in the use of alcoholic liquor. He who drinks a little drinks too much.



Pictured above are members of the Brotherhood of First Church, Booneville, who served at the first Baptist Student Union Banquet there on the night of April 12. They are as follows:

Left to right—C. N. Anderson, President of the Brotherhood; Wesley Wilbanks; James Mayo; Tom Carter, Secretary and Treasurer; Elijah Wingo; Carl West.

The Woman's Missionary Union bought and prepared the food for the Brotherhood to serve. They took the BSU Banquet as a Community Missions Project for April.

Rosedale Mission Breaks Ground



The Rosedale Mission, Bolivar County, had a Ground Breaking Service Sunday afternoon, April 22.

Pictured above are some of the members of the Mission's Committee and some who had part in the program. Reading from left to right are: Philip Blackwell, Chairman of the Mission's Committee; Byron Cox, and Rev. James McCrary, members of the Mission's Committee; Rev. Joseph W. Oliver, Bolivar County Missionary; John Pearson, Mayor of Rosedale; Rev. J. L. Morgan, pastor of Skele Church; and Rev. Joe Stovall, pastor, Rosedale Church.

Saturday, April 28, was "Foundation Day." This was the time set to lay the foundation.

The building is planned for four units which will provide for 333 when completed.

Joe Odle Prayer Room Dedicated At MC

The dedication service for the Joe Thomas Odle Prayer Room in the Student Center at Mississippi College was held in Chapel Friday April 13, 1956.

The Prayer-Conference Room was furnished by the Philomathean Literary Society in memory of Joe Thomas Odle who had been the President of the Society during the 1954-55 School year.

Joe, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Joe T. Odle of Gulfport, died of cancer in January, 1955.

During the dedication service the Mississippi College Choral choir sang two of Joe's favorite songs: "God is a Spirit" and the Mississippi College Prayer Hymn "Savior, Like a Shepherd lead Us."

In dedicating the Prayer-Conference room, Glenn Vernon, president of the Society during the 1955-56 term, said: "We of the Philomathean Literary Society dedicate this Prayer-Conference Room to the memory of Joe Thomas Odle, but in a greater sense we dedicate it to the spirit in which Joe worshipped his God and his Saviour, a spirit of love, of obedience, and of consecration."

The Prayer-Conference Room which is located on the second floor of the Student Center at Mississippi College will be used by the students for their daily devotionals, and as a conference room during special weeks.

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Harvey Revival To Be May 6-13

The Harvey Mission, sponsored by Petal-Harvey Church, Petal, will hold revival services May 6-13.

The pastor, Rev. P. E. Downey, will do the preaching; Bobby Turnage from Carey College will lead the singing; Miss Lona Pearl Cochran, Carey College, will serve as pianist and Rev. Randall Poss, Carey College student, will be the youth leader.

One service will be held daily at 7:30 p.m., with prayer meetings held at 7 o'clock.

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If the immediate need for missionaries can become a matter of concern and prayer to you, surely you will feel God's urging in your hearts and offer yourselves for appointment during this year of advance.

If you feel that God is leading you in this direction, or if you are interested in exploring this possibility, write the Personnel Secretary, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, P. O. Box 5148, Richmond 20, Virginia.

